

Admission of Refugees to U.S.  
(Free Ports and Emergency Shelter)

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JUN 19 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 657

Dear Mr. Walinsky:

Since my reply to your recent letters concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees, the President has taken action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am sure you will be interested in reading the attached copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram of June 8, 1944, to Ambassador Robert Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of the same date to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the plan.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for the interest which you have expressed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Ossip Walinsky,  
Executive Director,  
Pocketbook Workers Union,  
100 West 32nd Street,  
New York 1, New York.

Enclosures:

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MAY 19 1944

Dear Mr. Walinsky:

Thank you for your letters of May 8, 1944,  
to President Roosevelt and to me, concerning the  
establishment of temporary havens for refugees!

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours:

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Ossip Walinsky,  
Executive Director,  
Pocketbook Workers Union,  
100 West 32nd Street,  
New York 1, New York.

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Mr. John W. Pehle, Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Pehle:

As early as last September, a delegation of American Labor, headed by President William Green of the A.F. of L., and President Philip Murray of the C.I.O., submitted a memorandum to the State Department appealing to our Government and to the governments of the United Nations to admit to all territories under their control Jewish refugees who may succeed in escaping from the Nazi ghettos, dungeons, concentration camps and hell on earth. Grave danger threatens millions of people in tortured Europe. The complete rule of Hitler over such countries as Roumania, Hungary and Bulgaria, will mean hundreds of thousands of new graves, particularly of the Jewish people.

We have learned that the War Refugee Board has under consideration a plan to establish "free ports" in the United States where refugees from Hitlerism can find shelter until they are settled in permanent homes. The many thousands of members of the Pocketbook Workers Union of New York consider the establishment of "free ports", which would give innocent victims of the raging halocaust the privilege we now accord Axis prisoners, a most practical and feasible one.

The plan would not only provide temporary human "free port" zones and safe refuge, and thereby save the lives of innocent people fortunate to escape the claws of the Gestapo, but would also demonstrate most dramatically to the whole world the dogged determination of the American Government and the American people to spare no efforts in saving as many of the victims as possible.

We also believe that such "free ports" will help stay the brutal Nazi hand and will further encourage the ever-growing resistance of the undergrounds to German barbarism.

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The plan has our whole-hearted support and we respectfully urge its immediate adoption.

Respectfully yours,  
(signed) Ossip Walinsky,

Ossip Walinsky,  
Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1944

Respectfully referred to the  
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WILLIAM D. HASSETT  
Secretary to the President

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POCKETBOOK WORKERS UNION, NEW YORK

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May 8th, 1944

Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President  
The United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Pocketbook Workers Union of New York has followed you, Mr. President, in all of your efforts to save a stricken humanity and a collapsed civilization, and most enthusiastically applauded your fight for the Four Freedoms for big and smaller nations alike.

We need not draw to your attention, however, the great difference between all nations and peoples of the world and the Jewish people. Hitler and his henchmen have determined upon a course to enslave peoples, but as for the Jewish people, he singled them out for complete extermination. We know of millions of Jews already dead, but we also know of many Jews who can still be saved.

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Respectfully yours,

POCKETBOOK WORKERS UNION NEW YORK

(signed) Ossip Walinsky

Ossip Walinsky  
Executive Director.

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JUN 5 1944

In reply please  
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Dear Miss Polin:

I have your letter of May 25, 1944, concern-  
ing the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Ida Polin,  
2535 N. Corlies Street,  
Philadelphia 32, Pennsylvania.

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Mr John W. Pehle,  
Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As a regarder of human  
rights I sincerely believe  
in the Free Post Bill, and  
hope that every effort  
will be made to make such  
bill effective in the very

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immediate future, as the  
slightest delay may prove  
to be drastic to those who  
are ill. blessed to be refugees  
in want of havens until  
such a time when they  
may place their own stakes  
in a secure future.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss)  
Eda Polin  
2535 N. Corlies St.  
Phila. 37, Pa.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

J. Polin  
2535 N. Carlens St.  
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Mr. John W. Belle  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

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In reply please  
refer to: 1697

JUN 24 1944

Dear Mrs. Poling:

The President has referred to me your recent letter concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Earle Poling,  
610 Rosewood Avenue,  
Winnetka, Illinois.

*Free Post*

Enclosures.

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Mrs. Earle Poling - 610 Rosewood Avenue -

Winnetka

Winnetka, Illinois

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Hon. F. D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington D.C.

My dear sir.

Please do something  
at once about the mass  
crucifixion of the Jews  
of Europe. Make at least  
a temporary refuge for them.

May America - not Pass  
by on the other side"

Sincerely

May K. Poling.

In reply please  
refer to: 770

MAY 23 1944

Dear Mrs. Fosmantier:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning  
the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Amelia Fosmantier,  
1410 Spruce Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Mr. John H. Pehle

Dear Sir: -

Please be sure  
to regard the plea of an  
american who gave her son for  
her country to let others come  
here to find a haven in a  
free part of our country.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. Amelia Posmantier  
1410 Spruce St. Phila  
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Mr. John G. Pehle  
Exec. Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington D. C. 205

In reply please  
refer to: 759

MAY 29 1944

Dear Mrs. Pressman:

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 1944,  
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for  
refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. H. J. Pressman,  
180 W. Hansbury,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Mr John W Lehle:-

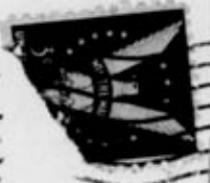
In behalf of the Womens  
Division of the Am. Jewish  
Congress I ask you to please  
use your influence in  
bringing to pass the es-  
tablishment of Free Pats for  
Refugees.

Hoping you have every  
success,

Respectfully  
Mrs. H. J. Pissman

150 W. Hancock.

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Mr. John W. Pehle  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, 25  
D.C.

150 W. Haverburg -

JUL 21 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 3004

Dear Mrs. Price:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 10, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

The interest of your family in the fate of these persecuted people is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Eva G. Price,  
Long Meadow,  
Pittsford, New York.

Enclosures.

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MRS. EVA G. PRICE - LONG MEADOW - PITTSFORD, NEW YORK

July 10-1944

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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt

My dear Mr President,

May I urge you

to further the work of the War Refugee Board and establish on our shores a refuge for the persecuted Jews of Europe.

May I suggest that urgent as is the need for military victory we must win also on human fronts and use weapons of good will and material help too or we lose all.

I write for a very earnest family

Sincerely

Eva G. Price   
 Mary S. Price   
 Sarah P. Lithgow

War Refugee Board

In reply please  
refer to: 3028

JUL 25 1944

Dear Reverend Pritchard:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 9, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jewish people in Europe.

On January 23, 1944, the President created the War Refugee Board for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

To accomplish the purpose for which it was created, the War Refugee Board has initiated numerous measures to assist persons to escape from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, to find havens of refuge for them, to obtain better treatment for those for whom escape is not possible, and to induce the satellite countries to desist from cooperating with the Nazi policy of persecution and extermination of minority peoples. The Board has stationed representatives in strategic countries in order to expedite these measures.

In connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas, you will be interested to know that the President has recently taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which is equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees until they can be returned to their homelands, at the end of the war.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Reverend Arthur O. Pritchard,  
121 East Alegria Avenue,  
Sierra Madre, California.

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Arthur O. Pritchard ✓  
121 East Algeria Avenue  
Sierra Madre, California

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William

July 9, 1944

The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:-

The souls of Christian people are  
deeply stirred by the cruelties per-  
petrated against the Jews.

Cannot more be done to open  
our doors to refugees?

Cannot neutral shipping be used  
to bring them to us?

Cannot food be provided, as it is  
in Greece, to the starving Jews?

Surely America must not  
stand before the world and go  
down in history as having her  
ears closed to the cries of these  
sufferers.

Very truly yours

(Rw.) Arthur O. Pritchard ✓

In reply please  
refer to: 3174

AUG 12 1944

Dear Mr. Levin:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 29, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to learn of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the project are enclosed.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Morris Levin,  
Secretary,  
The Prusiner Charitable and  
Benevolent Association,  
131 Bennett Avenue,  
New York 33, New York.

Enclosures.

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*William D. Smith*

July 29, 1944

Secretary to the President

Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt,  
President of the United States of America,  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable President Roosevelt:

This Association, comprising a membership of 364 citizens, at a meeting assembled on July 25, 1944, unanimously voted respectfully to petition you to establish without delay temporary rescue camps within the United States as a signal example to all countries; to open these free ports of safety to those Jewish people who can escape Nazi murder squads, and to grant them sanctuary therein until the coming peace, when they may freely return to their homelands.

Further, we respectfully petition you to use your good offices in approaching all other friendly and Allied powers for the purpose of having them emulate this long-delayed, humanitarian project; and lastly, to convey to the British Government, entrusted with the Mandate of Palestine, the desire of all liberty-loving and humane Americans, for the opening wide of the gates of Palestine, conceived as the Jewish homeland, and to keep them open for the unrestricted admission of the persecuted, despoiled and suffering Jewish people of Europe, three millions or more of whom have been cruelly done to death.

Very respectfully yours,

The Prusiner Charitable & Benevolent Association,

*Monis Lewis*

Secretary  
131 Bennett Ave.,  
New York 33, N. Y.

**AUG 12 1944**

In reply please  
refer to: 3139

Dear Mr. Pulliam:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 24, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees and urging drastic action to save the victims of German persecution.

On January 22, 1944, the President created the War Refugee Board for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

To accomplish the purpose for which it was created, the War Refugee Board has initiated numerous measures to assist persons to escape from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, to find havens of refuge for them, to obtain better treatment for those for whom escape is not possible, and to induce the satellite countries to desist from cooperating with the Nazi policy of persecution and extermination of minority peoples. The Board has stationed representatives in strategic countries in order to expedite these measures. In connection with your suggestion that warnings be given the Nazis to stop their slaughter of innocent people, you may be interested in the enclosed copy of the Statement on Nazi atrocities issued by the President on March 24, 1944.

In connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas, you will be interested to know that the President has recently taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which is equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees until they can be returned to their homelands, at the end of the war. Arrangements also have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

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J. W. Fehle

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Abbett Pulliam,  
Executive Vice-President,  
Citizens Bureau of Governmental  
Research, Inc.,  
180 State Street,  
Albany 6, New York.

Enclosure.

ABBETT PULLIAM  
Executive Vice President

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JOSEPH R. MEAD  
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FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
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July 24, 1944

William J. Bennett  
Secretary to the President

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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JUL 24 1944

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

May I petition your strongest support for  
"free ports" in this country for refugees from  
Europe, and every possible effort, even drastic  
ones, to stop or moderate the German oppression  
of these peoples.

Is there any reason that we should not  
promise reprisals? Can they understand any other  
language?

Yours sincerely,

*Abbett Pulliam*  
Abbett Pulliam  
Executive Vice-President

AP: JG

In reply please  
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*This should be 787 -*

MAY 29 1944

Dear Miss Raab:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

~~(Signed)~~ J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Dora Raab,  
606 McKean Street,  
Philadelphia 48, Pa.

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606 McClellan St.  
Phila. 48, Pa.  
May 21, 1944

Hon. John W. Pehle  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in favor of the free  
port in America and am quite  
sure that you will do your best  
in supporting this bill.

Sincerely yours,  
Dore Keat

In reply please  
refer to: 771

MAY 23 1944

Dear Mrs. Radiss:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning  
the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. S. Radiss,  
4149 Ridge Avenue,  
Philadelphia 29, Pennsylvania.

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Hon. John W. Pehle:

We urge you to take  
action for a free port  
in the United States  
for war refugees.

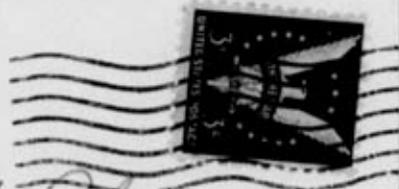
Trusting you will  
do everything in your  
power. I remain

Yours truly,  
Mrs S Radiss  
4149 Ridg Ave  
Phila. 29, Pa.

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Hon. John W. Pehle,  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

In reply please  
refer to: 2961

JUL 17 1944

Dear Mrs. Randall:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 7, 1944, urging sustained and vigorous action to save the Jewish people of Europe.

On January 22, 1944, the President created the War Refugee Board for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression and to afford them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

To accomplish the purpose for which it was created, the War Refugee Board has initiated numerous measures to assist persons to escape from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, to find havens of refuge for them, to obtain better treatment for those for whom escape is not possible, and to induce the satellite countries to desist from cooperating with the Nazi policy of persecution and extermination of minority peoples. The Board has stationed representatives in strategic countries in order to expedite these measures.

In connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas, you will be interested to know that the President has recently taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which will be equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees for the duration of the war or until they can be returned to their homelands.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Milton Randall,  
276 Selye Terrace,  
Rochester, New York.

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*Very kind*  
*W. R. B.*  
I am pleased to urge that the  
sustained and vigorous action be  
taken by our Govt. to  
rescue the Jews of  
Nazi occupied Europe  
and that our immigration  
laws be interpreted and  
applied in a human  
and liberal spirit.  
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Mrs. Milton Pandolf  
276 Selva Drive Rochester, N.Y.

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Secretary to the President

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The Honorable F. D. Roosevelt,  
White House  
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D. C.

JUN 17 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 972

Dear Mr. Rappaport:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. David Rappaport,  
President,  
Staple Neckwear Company,  
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New York 16, New York.

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June 6, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle,  
Executive Director,  
War Refugee Board,  
Treasury Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The "Free Ports" has been referred to  
your committee for further consideration.

During these trying times when peoples  
of all faiths are giving their lives to uphold  
democracy, I believe it is important that this  
bill be immediately reported favorably.

Trusting your fairness, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*David Rappaport*

David Rappaport,  
President.

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Mr. John W. Pehle  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

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In reply please  
refer to: 997

Dear Mr. Rashba:

Thank you for your recent letters to the President and to me concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Max Rashba,  
1137 - 56th Street,  
Brooklyn 19, New York.

Enclosure.

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John W. Pehle  
 War Refugee Board  
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Dear Sir:

we are in favor of "free ports" for refugees  
 and ask you to extend your good offices and  
 see that this great project is speedily  
 accomplished.

Respectfully Yours,  
 Max Perle  
 ✓ Roshba

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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
 The White House  
 Washington D.C.  
 Dear Mr. President

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 AND CONSIDERATION

William D. Harrel  
 Secretary to the President

We are in favor of ber ports for refugees  
 and ask that you extend your good offices and  
 see that this great project is speedily  
 accomplished.

Respectfully yours,  
 Max Roshba  
 S. Roshba

1137 56<sup>th</sup> St  
 Brooklyn 19, N.Y. ✓

JUN 15 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 1027

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 1944,  
concerning the establishment of temporary havens in  
the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the  
President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee  
Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of  
his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Amba-  
sador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8,  
1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the  
execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and  
your interest in the problem of providing places of  
asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. L. Hollingsworth Wood,  
Chairman,  
Refugee Relief Trustees, Inc.,  
103 Park Avenue,  
Room 1101,  
New York 17, New York.

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PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Mr. John H. Fehle  
War Refugee Board  
Main Treasury Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fehle:

I have the pleasure to send you herewith the text of a resolution on places of refuge in the United States that was passed unanimously at our last board meeting on Tuesday, June 6th.

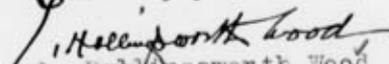
Whereas, Nazi Germany's mass murder of innocent people is repugnant to every human instinct; and

whereas, nothing can excuse the failure of the United States to provide at least a temporary sanctuary for any whose lives may still be saved; and

whereas, the long delay already evident in establishing such a sanctuary in the United States has filled us with dismay; therefore be it

Resolved, that we urge upon the president of the United States an immediate decision providing places of refuge within our borders where victims of the Nazi terror may be hospitably received until such time as they can return to their own lands or find some other permanent home."

Sincerely yours,

  
L. Hollingsworth Wood  
Chairman

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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.



Mr. John H. Pehle  
War Refugee Board  
Main Treasury Building  
Washington, D.C.

In reply please  
refer to: 2998

JUL 21 1944

Dear Mr. Renton:

The President has referred to me your recent letter concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy.

Details of the plan were outlined by the President in his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the project. Copies of these documents are enclosed as a matter of interest to you.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, I am sure you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Very truly yours,

{Signed} J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Stanley H. Renton,  
116 Warren Street,  
New Rochelle, New York.

Enclosures.

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*William C. French*

Secretary to the President

The President  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I was glad to learn recently that our Government has agreed to permit 1000 refugees to enter this country on an emergency basis. It seems to me that provision should be made for a much larger number, if it is at all possible.

I hope you will be able to take further steps in this direction.

Respectfully yours,

*Stanley H. Renton*

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JUN 19 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 868

Dear Mrs. Resil:

Since my reply to your recent card concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees, the President has taken action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am sure you will be interested in reading the attached copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram of June 8, 1944, to Ambassador Robert Murphy, in Algiers, and his memorandum of the same date to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the plan.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for the interest which you have expressed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. H. A. Resil,  
92 Monterey Road,  
Rochester 10, New York.

Enclosures.

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In reply please  
refer to: 868

JUN 7 1944

Dear Mrs. Resil:

Thank you for your communication of May  
25, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary  
havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. H. A. Resil.  
92 Monterey Road,  
Rochester 10, New York.

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5/25/44

Mr. John W. Pehle:  
 War Refugee Bd.  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

With thousands of war  
 refugees wandering around  
 homeless in Europe, we  
 in this country can help  
 alleviate the situation and  
 give loans to money by  
 the free port plan. As  
 director of the War Refugee Board  
 please use your influence  
 to bring this matter before  
 Congress and acted upon  
 favorably. Very truly yours,  
 Arthur S. Resil

92 Montross Rd. (N.W. D.C.)  
 Rockville, Md. RESIL

AUG 12 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 3159

Dear Mr. Resnick:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 29, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jewish people in occupied Europe.

On January 22, 1944, the President created the War Refugee Board for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

To accomplish the purpose for which it was created, the War Refugee Board has initiated numerous measures to assist persons to escape from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, to find havens of refuge for them, to obtain better treatment for those for whom escape is not possible, and to induce the satellite countries to desist from cooperating with the Nazi policy of persecution and extermination of minority peoples. The Board has stationed representatives in strategic countries in order to expedite these measures.

In connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas, you will be interested to know that the President has recently taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which is equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees until they can be returned to their homelands, at the end of the war. Arrangements also have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Very truly yours,

[Signature] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Nolan Resnick,  
2668 North 27th Street,  
Philadelphia 32, Pennsylvania.

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 Refugee Board

✓ Nolan Resnick  
 2668 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Phila., (32) Pa.

July 29, 1944.

Dear Mr. President:

As a personal letter of this  
 type one must offer an apology. I hope  
 you will overlook this, since I am about  
 to approach you on a very grave subject.

In view of the great military  
 task which we now face on the battle-  
 fields of Northern France and Italy, we  
 have given little thought to what is  
 happening inside the German occupied  
 countries of Europe. Thousands of helpless  
 Jewish families are being put to death  
 every day by cold-blooded Nazis who  
 care little for human lives.

In such a modern age as we  
 are now living in, it seems unbelievable  
 to even think of the savage and cruel

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treatment millions of these helpless people have received from the Nazi murder squads. This contempt for human life is characteristic of the barbaric ~~Huns~~ of yester-year. In many ways the Nazi murderers of today have even surpassed their ancestors in cruelty and barbarism.

I realize that very little can be done to aid those unfortunate Jews who are already imprisoned in slaughter camps and charnel houses which the Nazis have set up in all the countries they have conquered.

However there are countless numbers of these homeless refugees who still can be saved from these wholesale persecutions which are increasing in ferocity every day. Only final victory for the Allies will put a stop to these inhuman acts.

Many things have already been done in an effort to aid these Jewish refugees. As you no doubt are aware, the War Refugee Board is doing a great job toward the accomplishment of a difficult task. This fine organization is working under great handicaps, one of these is the lack of places of refuge in this and other parts of Europe, these homeless wanderers of Europe, until the coming peace shall decide their destinies.

By your efforts temporary rescue camps can be established in the United States and in other Allied nations for those Jews who can flee from Nazi occupied territories. These "free ports" will also give hope and encouragement to all who have formerly

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not dared to resist their Nazi  
persecutors.

Therefore I am appealing to you  
since, as a great humanitarian, you  
can realize the necessity of quick and  
decisive action toward the accomplishment  
of this great task, and I feel certain  
that you will do all in your  
power to aid the helpless Jewish  
children of Europe. I  
trust that you will not let them down  
at their greatest hour of need.

Respectfully yours,

Nolan Benick. ✓

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

In reply please  
refer to: 3195

AUG 30 1944

Dear Mr. Rice:

The President has referred to me your letter of August 1, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to know of the President's action in establishing the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the project are enclosed.

With respect to the problem of Hungarian Jews, I enclose a copy of a joint statement recently issued by the United States and British Governments which I am sure will be of interest to you.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Andrew E. Rice,  
22 South Old Glebe Road,  
Arlington, Virginia.

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Dear Mr. President:

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William V. French II  
Secretary to the President

I am writing on behalf  
of the plan for rescue camps for  
the refugees from Axis Europe. I  
have read that the Hungarian govern-  
ment will permit the departure of  
large numbers of refugees. It is up to  
us and the other United Nations to  
act now. I urge you to give your  
wholehearted support to the establishment  
of "free ports" both in this country  
and in other lands. It seems also  
inappropriate for our allies to close  
the doors of Palestine to the Jewish  
people and I hope you will make  
efforts to open that land to the  
harried unfortunates of the European  
Continent.

Most sincerely,

Andrew E. Rice

AUG 12 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 3164

Dear Mr. Rice:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 28, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jewish people in Hungary.

On January 22, 1944, the President created the War Refugee Board for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

To accomplish the purpose for which it was created, the War Refugee Board has initiated numerous measures to assist persons to escape from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, to find havens of refuge for them, to obtain better treatment for those for whom escape is not possible, and to induce the satellite countries to desist from cooperating with the Nazi policy of persecution and extermination of minority peoples. The Board has stationed representatives in strategic countries in order to expedite these measures.

It was in connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas that the President took action to establish the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am sure you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Oscar K. Rice,

Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT  
WILLIAM DUNNELL  
Secretary to the President

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Chapel Hill  
North Carolina

28 July 1944

President F. D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have received information from the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, and have read in the public press of the plight of the Jewish people in Hingary. I should like to urge that our country, in concert with our Allies, do all in our power to alleviate this situation. In spite of the fact that we have no direct control over the actions of the Nazis, I believe that the influence we may exert at this stage of the war could be considerable. It is now known that we are going to win. If it appears that we really do not care how many innocent victims there are in Europe, their murderers will not stop. If we make it known in the strongest possible terms that we do care ( and thus far we have never really done this ) at least the satellites of the Nazis, if not the Nazis themselves, will begin to be more cautious.

Your offer to open a camp for one thousand Jewish refugees is a splendid beginning, but only a beginning. More action of this kind by all the allied nations is needed, and more pressure should be brought to bear now, at this critical moment, when it appears that such pressure will be effective.

Respectfully yours

Oscar K. Rice  
Oscar K. Rice

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JUN 20 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 1187

Dear Miss Richard:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 6, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Hetty H. Richard,  
1060 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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1000 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

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June 6

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*William D. Harrel*  
Secretary to the President

President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Mr President

Thank you indeed - for your help  
in promoting the proposed use of  
free ports & camps for Jewish  
Refugees. It is necessary for  
the conscience of mankind especially  
here in the United States (where  
we have suffered less) that we  
do & feel. Everything is being done to  
help - the hideous horrifying  
massacre - you respect fully  
Thank you for helping  
Helly H. Richard ✓

In reply please  
refer to: 767

MAY 23 1944

Dear Mrs. Richman:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning  
the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Jacob S. Richman,  
1808 Spruce Street,  
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

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1808 Spruce Street

Gen. John W. Pehle  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle,

I have recently learned  
that our country is considering  
the idea of setting up "free  
ports" in the United States  
for refugees fleeing the  
Nazi terror in Europe.

In my opinion this  
would be a noble precedent

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which our country can  
 set for the world to follow.

Please use your  
 good offices to encourage  
 the necessary action  
 by our government.

Sincerely yours  
 Shelma Richman  
 (Mrs Janet S. Richman)

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JUN 29 1944

Dear Mrs. Ridge:

Thank you for your telegrams of June 16, 1944, to the President and to me, concerning the matter of giving war refugees temporary asylum in this country.

I am sure that you were heartened by the President's action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am enclosing as a matter of interest to you copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the plan.

Your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy persecution and finding havens of refuge for them is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. W. C. Ridge,  
Board of Education,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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JUL 6 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 2911

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Robiczek:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 25, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robiczek,  
928 - 16th Street,  
Santa Monica, California.

Copy to: Mr. and Mrs. Mautner

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Santa Monica, June 25.1944

To the President of  
The United States  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

This is to urge you to immediately pass  
legislation on the establishment of rescue  
cente-rs for the persecuted people of Europe.

Respectfully

*Mrs. Sophie Robiczek*  
Mrs. Sophie Robiczek  
928-16 Str. Santa Monica, Calif.

*Henry Robiczek*  
Henry Robiczek  
928-16 Str. Santa Monica, Calif.

*Mrs. Edith Mautner*  
Mrs. Edith Mautner  
Route 1, Cornell, Calif.

*Robert S. Mautner*  
Robert S. Mautner  
Route 1, Cornell, Calif.

JUN 17 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 981

Dear Miss Robinson:

Thank you for your recent communication concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Anna K. Robinson,  
8119 Cadwalader Road,  
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.

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Philadelphia, Pa. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sir:

We are vitally interested in the establishment of "free ports" in the United States for refugees from stricken lands of Europe. We understand that proposals regarding these ports are now being discussed in Congress and we sincerely urge you to speak favorably on them.

Name Anna K. Robinson

Address 8119 Cadwalader Rd

Name Elkins Park, Pa

Address \_\_\_\_\_

JUN 17 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 1083

Dear Miss Robinson:

The President has referred to me your recent communication concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Florence B. Robinson,  
447 South 48th Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

I ask you to please advocate  
the establishment of a Free Port  
in this country as a temporary  
haven for War Refugees.

Respectfully

Dorence B. Robinson  
447 So. 4th St.,  
Shill, Pa.

JUN 24 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 1419

Dear Mrs. Levinstein:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 12, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

The concern of your organization for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Jules Levinstein,  
Chairman,  
Rodfei Zedek Sisterhood,  
1022 East 54th Place,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Enclosures.

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*War Refugee Board*



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Secretary to the President

*June 12, 1944*

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 Mrs. MAURICE GOLDBATT

The President of the United States:  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The tragic flight of refugees from  
 Nazi oppression has caused the War Refugee  
 Board to consider the establishment of  
 refugee rescue camps or *pie jotti*  
 in the United States, in which refugees  
 can find temporary asylum until  
 it becomes possible for them either  
 to return to their homes or settle  
 elsewhere.

This proposal is in keeping  
with the most sacred right

if temporary a glum for the surviving  
Jewish men, women and children, who can  
escape from Nazi terror.

In the name of the many members of my  
organization, I am writing you full  
support of this proposal so that the  
most miserable victims of Nazi oppression  
may find a place of shelter for the  
duration of this war.

With the expression of our  
everlasting admiration for your unparalleled  
achievements on behalf of our country  
and mankind, I am

Respectfully yours,  
(Mrs. Jules) Ruth Lewinstein  
Chairman

Congregation Rodef Zedek  
Litchfield

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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In reply please  
refer to: 1215

Dear Sir:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 7, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Honorable Wayne M. Ropes,  
Secretary of State,  
Des Moines 19, Iowa.

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*William J. Bennett*  
Secretary to the President

His Excellency, The President  
of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

It has been brought to my attention that you have under consideration a plan of the War Refugee Board for the establishment of refugee rescue camps to provide a temporary haven for persons seeking sanctuary from Nazi and Nazi dominated countries.

It is my understanding that such camps would be established to serve only as a temporary assylum and that such persons would not be admitted to the United States for permanent residence except by the regular immigration procedure.

I believe that this is a most worthy cause and that if neutral countries are relieved of some of these refugees, they in turn can take care of more refugees from Nazi or Nazi dominated countries.

I believe that the United States can and should assist in taking care of some of these unfortunate people, and I would be very much in favor of some action being taken to establish such refugee camps in the United States.

Yours very truly,

*Wayne M. Ropes*

WAYNE M. ROPES  
Secretary of State

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**WAYNE M. ROPES**  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE CAPITOL  
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His Excellency, The President  
of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

JUN 17 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 1065

Dear Miss Rosen:

The President has referred to me your communication of June 6, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Dora Rosen,  
169 Blaky Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York.

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Dear Mr. President <sup>June 6, 1945</sup>  
We urge you  
to open Free ports in the United  
States now  
Sincerely  
Dora Rosen  
169 Blakely Ave  
Brooklyn  
New York.

In reply please  
refer to: 785

MAY 29 1944

Dear Miss Rosen:

Thank you for your letter of May 19, 1944,  
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for  
refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

{Signed} J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Rae C. Rosen,  
6601 N. 18th Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Executive Director War Refugee Board  
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Dear Sir:

I feel you should use your good office to see that the necessary legislation is passed, and as quickly as possible, to allow for the establishment of Free Ports in the United States for the refugees fleeing Nazi terror.

The doing of such a human decent thing in our Democracy would surely set an example for the rest of the world.

Thank you.

Sincerely  
Rae C. Rosen

MAY 29 1944

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In reply please  
refer to: 2905

JUL 24 1944

Dear Miss Rosenberg:

The President has referred to me your recent letter concerning the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, to give temporary asylum to approximately 1,000 refugees who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy.

Details of the plan were outlined by the President in his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the project. Copies of these documents are enclosed as a matter of interest to you.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution and to find havens of refuge for them where they can remain in safety and be cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In this connection, I am sure you will be interested to know that arrangements have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Frieda M. Rosenberg,  
21 Decatur Street,  
Burlington, Vermont.

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*William T. Harvett*  
Secretary to the President

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21 Decatur Street  
Burlington, Vermont  
June 27, 1944

His Excellency  
Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I wholeheartedly approve your move to give  
haven to 1000 refugees.

But what of the other thousands that must be  
saved ?

The following quote from the Writers' War Board  
June 1 report that "we render a human life the  
same courtesy we give a case of scotch" seems  
to very appropriate.

Even in Vermont the average working man is  
100% back of you and all that you are trying to  
do for humanity.

Respectfully yours

*Frieda M. Rosenberg*  
FRIEDA M. ROSENBERG

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In reply please  
refer to: 818

JUN 1 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

The President has referred to me your  
letter of May 16, 1944, concerning the establishment  
of temporary havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Jesse L. Rosenberg,  
Counselor at Law,  
15 Park Row,  
New York, New York.

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Secretary to the President

JESSE L. ROSENBERG  
 COUNSELOR AT LAW  
 15 PARK ROW  
 NEW YORK  
 TELEPHONE BARCLAY 7-2642-3

May 16, 1944.

His Excellency Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
 President of the United States  
 Washington, D.C.

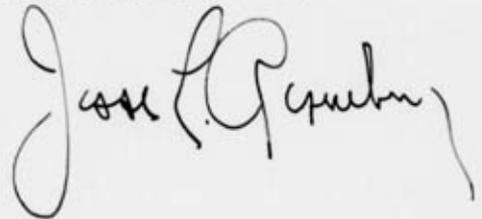
Dear Mr. President:

I sincerely trust that you will do everything in your power to establish a system of "free ports" in the United States which would provide a temporary haven for war refugees who cannot at present enter our country under existing immigration laws.

It is unnecessary for me to dwell upon the necessity of this plan. It must appeal to you as the great humanitarian that you are.

Most respectfully yours,

JLR/bs



W.R.B.  
 Refugee Board

In reply please  
refer to: 738

MAY 20 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Thank you for your letter of May 16, 1944,  
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for  
refugees.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Jesse L. Rosenberg,  
15 Park Row,  
New York, New York.

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JESSE L. ROSENBERG  
COUNSELOR AT LAW  
15 PARK ROW  
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25 11 May 16, 1944.

Hon. John W. Pehle  
Executive Director  
of the War Refugee Board  
Washington, D.C.

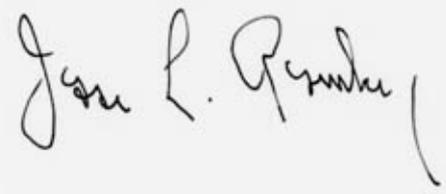
Dear Sir:

I assume that it is not necessary for me to tell you how important and urgent is the plan to establish a system of "free ports" in the United States which would provide a temporary haven for war refugees who cannot at present enter the country under existing immigration laws.

I deem this can be done within the frame work of our laws and Constitution and hope that you are doing everything in your power to have the plan adopted.

Sincerely yours,

JLR/bs



In reply please  
refer to: 687

MAY 16 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

Thank you for your letter of May 11, 1944,  
concerning the possibility of establishing temporary  
havens for refugees.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Joshua H. Rosenbloom,  
343 E. Roosevelt Boulevard,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Hon. John V. Pehle  
 War Refugee Board  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to indicate my support of the plan to form camps in the United States for the temporary upkeep of refugees from war-torn Europe.

The system offers a logical method of saving human lives.

yours respectfully  
 Joshua H. Rosenbloom

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 MAY 12 1943  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 WASHINGTON, D.C.

In reply please  
refer to: 3080

JUL 29 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rosenglick:

Thank you for your communication of July 20, 1944, regarding House Resolution No. 576, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Rosenglick,  
2008 South 5th Street,  
Philadelphia 48, Pennsylvania.

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Dear Honorable Sir:

July 20, 1944

Would appreciate your efforts in trying  
to get adopted H. R. 576 - a very  
humanitarian resolution. We are  
supporting you 100% in your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. B.

Roseglick - 2008 55<sup>th</sup>  
Phila 48, Pa.

In reply please  
refer to: 3027

JUL 25 1944

Dear Mrs. Rosenthal;

The President has referred to me your letter of July 17, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned with the execution of the problem are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Albertine K. Rosenthal,  
76 Prospect Avenue,  
Sea Cliff, New York.

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Refugee Board

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ALBERTINE K. ROSENTHAL  
ALBERTYHILL  
76 PROSPECT AVENUE  
SEA CLIFF, N. Y.

July 17, 1944

William W. Kane  
Secretary to the President

The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir,  
As a citizen who is gratefully cognizant  
of your efforts in behalf of the European  
Jews, I am writing to bespeak your  
continued help.

At present, the most urgent steps to be  
taken would seem to be an improved and  
liberal administration of immigration  
laws, and some provision for the temporary  
admission of refugees.

I shall be most grateful for your  
help in the matter.

Respectfully,  
(Mrs) Albertine K. Rosenthal

JUN 17 1944

In reply please  
refer to: 1077

Dear Miss Rosenthal:

The President has referred to me your communication of June 6, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Anna Rosenthal,  
1509 E. Parkway,  
Brooklyn, New York.

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Dear Mr President June 6 1944  
you open <sup>weight</sup> free ports in the  
U. S. Now sincerely  
anna Rosenthal  
1509 E. Parkway

In reply please  
refer to: 3106

AUG 12 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal:

The President has referred to me your recent petition concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you were glad to learn of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944 to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosenthal,  
5438 Ridgewood Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Enclosures.

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In reply please  
refer to: 766

MAY 23 1944

Dear Mrs. Rothstein:

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 1944,  
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for  
refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*(Signature)*  
J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. H. Rothstein,  
6222 Osage Avenue,  
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania.

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May 17, 1944.

Hon. John W. Pehle,  
 Exec. Dir. War Refugee Bd.  
 Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I believe the move for  
 free ports for unfortunate  
 refugees an excellent move.

Kindly use your good  
 offices in every possible way  
 to urge the Government's  
 approval of the free use  
 of ports for refugees.

Yours truly,  
 Mrs. H. Rothstein  
 6222 Osage St.  
 Phila., (43) Pa.

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Hon. John W. Pehle  
Exec. Dir. War Refugee Bd.  
Washington, 25 D. C.

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In reply please  
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Dear Mr. Brownstein:

Since my reply to your recent letter to the President concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees, the President has taken action for the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am sure you will be interested in reading the attached copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram of June 8, 1944, to Ambassador Robert Murphy, in Algiers, and his memorandum of the same date to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the plan.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for the interest which you have expressed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Samuel Brownstein,  
President,  
Roumanian Hebrew Beneficial Association,  
4919 N. Eleventh Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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In reply please  
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JUN 5 1944

Dear Mr. Brownstein:

The President has referred to me your letter of May 22, 1944, enclosing a resolution adopted by the Roumanian Hebrew Beneficial Association, concerning the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

The interest of your organization in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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*William J. Farrell*  
Secretary to the President

May 27, 1944

The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President  
United States of America  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Roosevelt:

Enclosed herewith you will  
find a resolution adopted at a meeting held in  
Philadelphia on May 21st, 1944.

This meeting represented  
about 20,000 Jews of Roumania and descendents of  
Roumania. The contents of the resolution are self-  
explanatory. We would greatly appreciate your  
heartiest cooperation in bringing about its ful-  
fillment.

Thanking you in advance,  
we remain,

Very sincerely yours

ROUMANIAN HEBREW BENEFICIAL ASS'N.

*Samuel Brownstein*  
Samuel Brownstein, President

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P.S. Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of this  
resolution.

## Roumanian Hebrew Beneficial Association

A. ROSENBERG, SECRETARY

4919 N. ELEVENTH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

### RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Roumanian Hebrew Beneficial Association consisting of over five hundred members at a meeting held on Sunday, May 21st, 1944, urge the President of the United States and his War Refugees Board to give serious consideration to the proposal to establish Free Ports for Refugees in the United States for the duration. The establishment of such Free Ports would translate into action the humanitarian desire of the American people to save many victims of Nazi brutality as can still be saved.

We therefore urge you to see to it that Free Ports for Refugees be established as soon as possible.

In reply please  
refer to: 2642

JUL 3 1944

Dear Mrs. Rubin:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 20, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure you will be glad to know of the President's action in establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. Copies of his recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project are enclosed.

Your concern for the fate of refugees and your interest in the problem of providing places of asylum for them are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. H. Rubin,  
8 Dawes Place,  
Larchmont, New York.

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June 20, 194

Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear President:-

Thousands of people have been driven from their homes by the Nazis. These victims may be beyond saving if we do not do something quickly to rescue them. One of the important measures we can take is the establishment of a Free Port.

Freedom-loving people all over the earth will appreciate your using the influence of your high office to accomplish this.

Yours very truly,  
*Mrs. H. Rubin*  
*8 James Place*  
*Brooklyn, N.Y.*

In reply please  
refer to: 714

MAY 20 1944

Dear Mrs. Rudnick:

Thank you for your communication of May 15,  
1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens  
for refugees.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*(mirrored) J. W. Pehle*

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Herbert Rudnick,  
233 West 77th Street,  
New York 24, New York.

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Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am very much in favor of the "free port" idea. Admitting refugees as proposed would mean the saving of so many lives.

If this proposal is adapted it would also be an example for other countries to follow.

We do hope that the proposal will be adapted.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Herbert Rudnick  
233 W. 77th St  
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