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(Free Ports and Emergency Shelter)

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WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

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FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT PRESIDENT
WHITE HOUSE

I APPEAL TO YOU AS THE WORLDS GREATEST LEADER TO DO ALL WITHIN
YOUR POWER TO ESTABLISH RESCUE CAMPS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR
JEWISH WAR REFUGEES STOP THESE TEMPORARY HAVENS WILL STOP THE
NEEDLESS SLAUGHTERING OF HUMAN BEINGS WHO ARE MADE TO SUFFER FOR
CONDITIONS THEY THEMSELVES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE STOP AS A GREAT
HUMANITARIAN I AM SURE YOU WILL NOT LET THIS OPPORTUNITY GO BY

IRVING SACHS

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In reply please
refer to: 3152

AUG 12 1944

Dear Mr. Sandler:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 27, 1944, 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

Mr. Mark Sandler,
39 Stratford Road,
New Rochelle, New York.

Enclosures.

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Secretary to the President

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

July 27, 1944

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your deep concern with the humanitarian problems created by the war is well known.

Will you, therefore, use your best efforts to have the Free Ports project for sheltering war refugees extended to accommodate greater numbers than presently contemplated.

This country has a heart and a bosom large enough for all of the limited thousands yet able to escape from the tyranny of the war instigated by the Nazi barbarians.

Respectfully,

Mark Sandler ✓
39 Stratford Rd.
New Rochelle,
ny.

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New Refugee
Board

AUG 12 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2049

Dear Mr. Santo:

I have 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.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. R. Santo,
1635 Union Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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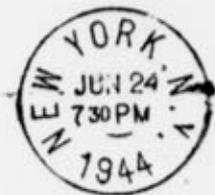
War Refugee Bd

I believe it solemn duty of everyone
in this country to do more towards
rescue of those suffering from Nazi
horror.

Congressman Dickstein has right idea
in his measure H576. Won't you
give it your earnest & honest best
support? Not just handful like
the 1000 — but 50 times that!

Sincerely

R. Santo



War Refugee Board
Treasury Bldg.
Washington, D. C

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AUG 12 1944

In reply please
refer to: 3054

Dear Mr. Sayres:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 18, 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, 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. Alfred N. Sayres,
Executive Secretary,
The Board of Christian
Education and Publication,
1505 Race Street,
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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ALFRED N. SAYRES, Executive Secretary

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July 18, 1944

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

William V. Harrell
Secretary to the President

Honorable Sir:

Permit me to express the hope that increasing efforts will be expended by our Government in behalf of the refugee peoples from Europe. I am less interested in future retribution against the perpetrators of crimes against the minority peoples of European countries than in the present rescue of those whose lives are still in jeopardy. I believe I express the opinion of an increasing number of my fellow ministers, as well as of laymen in our church, when I say that we should be liberalizing our present immigration regulations with a view to admitting more such refugees into our own borders as well as supporting the plan to admit more of them to Palestine, and encouraging the neutral countries who are affording them asylum.

Accordingly, may I respectfully urge upon you, and to use to the utmost, the leverage of your high office in this worthy cause? I believe that a growing body of American public opinion will support you in every such effort.

Respectfully yours,

Alfred N. Sayres
Alfred N. Sayres

ANS:VS

JUN 19 1944

In reply please
refer to: 907

Dear Miss Schaffer:

Since my reply to your recent letter 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

Miss Rhoda Schaffer,
Gardner Apartments,
50th and Pine Streets,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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In reply please
refer to: 907

JUN 8 1944

Dear Miss Schaffer:

Thank you for your letter of June 2,
1944, concerning the establishment of temporary
havens for refugees.

Your interest in this problem is appre-
ciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Rhoda Schaffer,
Gardner Apartments,
50th and Pine Streets,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Landover Apts.
 50th Pine St.
 Phila. Pa.
 June 2, 1944.

Dear Sir:

I urge you to vote for
 the establishment of "Tree
 Ports" in this country.

In the interest of hu-
 manity and because of the
 democratic principles on
 which this country was
 founded, I feel we owe
 it to those sufferers of
 Europe to afford them tem-

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proary asylum until they
may be returned to their
native lands.

Sincerely,
(Miss) Rhoda Chaffin

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Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
7-223 Washington, D.C.

Faint handwritten notes on a slip of paper attached to the left side of the envelope.

In reply please
refer to: 2931

JUL 13 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schatz:

I have your communication of July 3, 1944, regarding House Resolution No. 576, concerning the matter of providing temporary asylum in this country for refugees.

I am sure that you were glad to see the accounts of the President's recent 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 message to Congress on June 12, 1944, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned with the execution of the plan.

Your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy persecution is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. and Mrs. Schatz,
2821 N. 22nd Street,
Philadelphia 32, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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July 3 - 1944 -

Dear Sir: - On this
eve of Independence
day we want you
to know our sons
in the service and
our selves fully
support the H. - Res.
576 for free ports
for refugees. Millions
are waiting your
efforts in that direction
The Schatz Family
28217. 22nd St.
Phila 32 - Pa

TO:

____ Secretary Morgenthau

____ Mr. Gaston

____ Mr. Lesser

____ Mr. Paul

____ Mr. Luxford

____ Mr. White

____ Mr. Stewart

____ Mr. E.M. Bernstein

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J. W. Pehle

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

In reply please
refer to# 2910

JUL 6 1944

Dear Miss Schenken:

Thank you for your letter of June 29, 1944, concerning the establishment of temporary havens in the United States for refugees.

I am sure that you and those who joined with you in requesting that refugees be granted asylum in this country 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 Pearl B. Schenken,
381 So. Third Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director of the
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Sir:

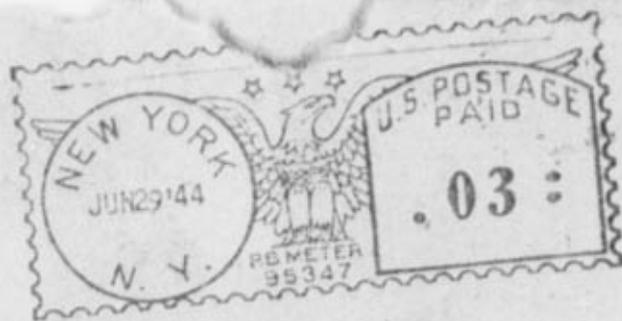
We, as representative Americans, urge you to approve and adopt the proposed plan to establish a system of free ports which will afford temporary refuge for the victims of Nazi terrorism.

It is inconceivable that any country would refuse to admit these sufferers, who, through no fault of their own, are undergoing this inhuman persecution. America, the world's greatest democracy, now fighting a war for lasting peace and freedom from racial, religious and other discriminations, should be the first to take this step so that other countries may learn and follow her example.

We strongly urge that this proposal be approved and adopted at once so that the admission of these people may be begun immediately and in our example, followed by all our allied countries.

Respectfully yours,

Leise B. Schend 381 So. 3rd St.
N. -oklyn, N.Y.
Shirley Weiss 3433 67th Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Sara Blau 415 East 14th Street
New York, N.Y.
Jewel Lester 29 Hudson Ave.
New York, N.Y.
Helen Saffin 1850 Valentine Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
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Jersey City, N.J.
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Ernest Cooper - 1565 W. 11th St. Bklyn, N.Y.
Marion Gluck 307 Newark St. Bklyn, N.Y.



Mr. John W. Pehle

Miss Hodel

Executive Director of the

War Refugee Board

Washington, D. C.

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JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1170

Dear Mr. Scher:

Thank you for your communication of June 9, 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 E. Scher,
922 - 44th Street,
Brooklyn 19, New York.

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922 - 44, St.

Bellevue 19, N.Y.

June 9, 1944

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

Dear Sir,

We are in favor of Free Posts
for Refugees and ask you to extend
your good offices and see that this
great project is speedily accomplished.

Truly yours
David E. Scher

JUN 1 1944

In reply please
refer to: 822

Dear Mrs. Scherer:

Thank you for your letter of May 24, 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. Mildred Scherer,
118 South 56th Street,
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania.

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118 So 56th St
Phila May 27, 44

John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Dear Sir

I hope that you will support the Free Port for Refugees to get the Jews out of the reach of the Nazi beasts in the occupied countries of Europe until such a time when there will be a safe haven where they can go and live like human beings without fear and persecution.

Sincerely
(Mrs) Maudie Scherer

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

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1155

Dear Mr. Schevman:

Thank you for your communication of June 9, 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. Joseph Schevman,
4701 Fifteenth Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

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Dear Sir,

June 9, 1944

I am in favor of free ports
for refugees and ask you to
extend your good offices and
see that this great project is
accomplished.

Joseph Scherman

In reply please
refer to: 3024

JUL 25 1944

Dear Mrs. Schermerhorn:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 15, 1944, concerning the establishment of the War Refugee Board and urging 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 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

Mrs. W. D. Schermerhorn,
2128 Maple Avenue,
Evanston, Illinois.

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Secretary to the President

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July 15, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am interested to learn that you have set up a Naz Refugee Board and am hoping that now many more Jewish refugees may be given homes here in U.S.A.

I understand that thousands fewer immigrants were admitted in the year ending July 1942 than were permitted, also that the National Democratic ^{and} Republican Clubs and the A.F. of L. have declared themselves in favor of temporary asylum outside the quote.

Please help save the Jewish people who are left before it is too late.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. H.D.) May D. Schermoshorn

JUN 30 1944

In reply please
refer to: 2606

Dear Mrs. Schinasi:

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

Mrs. Laurette Schinasi,
Gray Rock Park,
c/o Mrs. Barkentin,
Portchester, New York.

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William D. Bennett
Secretary to the President

The President,
Washington
D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am so deeply interested and feel so deeply for the suffering people of Europe that I am writing you to ask that you do all in your power to establish a system of free ports which will give war refugees temporary asylum.

I am, dear Mr. President
Yours faithfully,
(Mrs) Laurette Schinasi

JUN 14 1944

In reply please
refer to: 956

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schlesinger:

Thank you for your recent cards 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.

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. I. Schlesinger,
178 Ocean Parkway,
Brooklyn 18, New York.

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178 Ocean Pkwy.
Bklyn., 13, N.Y.
June 6th, 1933

John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Wash., D.C.

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.

Yours truly,

Mr & Mrs Schlesinger

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178 Ocean Pkwy
Brooklyn, N.Y.
June 6th, 1944

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

Honorable 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.

Yours truly,

Mr & Mrs Schlesinger

In reply please
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JUN 14 1944

Dear Mr. Schneck:

Thank you for your recent cards 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.

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. Max Schneck,
5821 - 15th Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

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June 7, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

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

Thanking you, I am

very truly yours

Max Schneck

max Schneck ✓
5821 - 15th Ave.
Bklyn, NY

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June 7, 1944

Dear Mr. President:

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

Thanking you, I am

Very Sincerely

Max Schneck

MAX SCHNECK
5821 - 15th Ave.
Brooklyn, NY

In reply please
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SEP 2 1944

Dear Mr. Schoenfeld:

The President has referred to me your letter of August 3, 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, where approximately 1,000 refugees, who had fled from their homelands to Southern Italy, are being cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. Copies of his message to Congress on June 12, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 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 until 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. Leo Schoenfeld,
9 Lewis Arcade,
Huntington, West Virginia.

Enclosures.

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War Refugee
LEO SCHOENFELD

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9 LEWIS ARCADE
HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

PHONE 4242



August 3, 1944

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

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FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

William J. Bennett
Secretary to the President

Excellency:

Our great nation is now engaged in a conflict with two governments responsible for the persecution and enslavement of many peoples. Not only are we fighting so that our way of life may be secured; we are fighting to redeem and ensure the liberty of the oppressed.

The people living in these conquered countries, will, when Victory has been achieved, be the basis for their nations' reconstruction. In view of this, would it not be wise to establish free ports now for these refugees, offer them comfort and security within the borders of our land until such time as their own countries will be rehabilitated.

I respectfully submit the above proposal for your consideration, and ask that you do all within your power to further it.

Respectfully yours,

Leo Schoenfeld
Leo Schoenfeld

LS/RL

In reply please
refer to: 758

MAY 23 1944

Dear Miss Schonberg:

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

Miss Selma Schonberg,
Roosevelt Apartments,
23rd. and Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Roosevelt Apts
23rd Walnut
Phila. Pa
May 17, 1944

Dear Sir:

Today, when providing a haven
for poor souls fleeing from
Nazis and Fascist terrorism
in Europe, would be about
the most humane and
philanthropic act a nation
could perform. Especially
a democratic nation -
I make my humble appeal
to you Honorable Mr. Phila.
for it is within your power
to push every measure to
make this dream come true
for so many, right here in

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this wonderful country
of ours.

Please - with your
help - may the
"Free Port Resolution"
become an act.

Thanking you, I
am,

Sincerely
Selma Schoubeig

In reply please
refer to: 2917

JUL 24 1944

Dear Mr. Schreiber:

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

Mr. Louis J. Schreiber,
A. H. Schreiber Co.,
10 West 33rd. Street,
New York, New York.

Enclosures.

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June 29, 1944

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AND CONSIDERATION*

William D. Tompkins
Secretary to the President

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

Dear President Roosevelt:

We greatly appreciate your efforts in establishing a free port of shelter for 1,000 refugees from war-torn Europe. However, many tens of thousands of unfortunate people are still seeking relief from Nazi and Fascist terror.

Won't you, therefore, please continue to use your good efforts to open many more such open ports, so that these people may at least have a temporary place of refuge?

Yours very truly,

Louis J. Schreiber
Louis J. Schreiber

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WAR
DEPARTMENT
JUL 1 1944*

In reply please
refer to: 1423

JUN 24 1944

Dear Mr. Schreiber:

Thank you for 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 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. Max Schreiber;
5420 Wyndale Avenue,
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

Free Post

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Max Schreiber
5420 WYNDALE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA 31, PA.

June 12

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J. W. Poble
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)

Max Schreiber

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Max Schreiber ✓
5420 WYNDALE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA 31, PA.

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President F. D. Roosevelt
White House
Wash. D.C.

Dear President F. D. Roosevelt

We are in favor of free
ports for Refugees and ask
you to extend your office and
see that this great project
is speedily accomplished

Max Schreiber ✓

JUN 27 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1987

Dear Miss Schryver:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 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 Port 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 Schryver,
1458 Berceau Avenue,
Chicago 13, Illinois.

Enclosures.

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Mr.
Refugee
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William D. Russell
Secretary to the President

1458 Belmont Ave
Chicago, Ill.
June 1

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

My dear Mr. President:

As
you and your adminis-
tration stand for human-
ity and brotherhood, I
write to urge that you
use to its fullest extent
your influence to promote
the work of the War Ref-
ugee Board and of the
National Committee against
Nazi Persecution and Ex-
termination of the Jews,
that doors here and in
allied countries may be
opened to victims of Nazi
persecution.

Hopefully yours
Florence Schryver

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1150

Dear Mr. Schulder:

Thank you for your communication of June 9, 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. Mannie Schulder,
50 Ocean Parkway,
Brooklyn 18, New York.

Enclosures.

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June 9, 1944.

Dear Sir:

I am in favor of Free Ports for Refugees, and ask that you please extend your good offices and see that this great project is speedily accomplished.

M. Schulder
50 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn 18, N.Y.

Very truly yours,

Mannie Schulder

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1050

Dear Miss Schwartz:

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 Bertha Schwartz,
458 Sheffield Avenue,
Brooklyn 7, New York.

Enclosures.

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Dear Mr. President

June 6, ~~1944~~

We urge you to open
Free Ports in the United States now

Sincerely
Bertha S. [unclear]

In reply please
refer to: 3014

JUL 26 1944

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Dear Mrs. Schwartz:

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.

Your support for this program and your interest in measures for saving the lives of the victims of enemy oppression are deeply appreciated.

I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to rescue these persecuted people 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

Mrs. Joseph L. Schwartz,
6639 University Drive,
St. Louis 5, Missouri.

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MRS. JOS. L. SCHWARTZ
6639 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
ST. LOUIS 5, MO.

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To: Files

Ans.

No. Ans. Req.

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Date

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
40 The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President,

I wrote to you a short time ago, concerning the "Jewish Refugee" problem. I received reply (no. 2608) from the War Refugee Board, writing

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MRS. JOS. L. SCHWARTZ
6639 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
ST. LOUIS 5, MO.

that one thousand refugees
will be admitted to the
U.S.

Can't we do better ^{than}
that? In the face of
the numbers being
murdered, that is such
a small percentage.

Can't our allies help,
too?

I appreciate your

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MRS. JOS. L. SCHWARTZ
6639 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
ST. LOUIS 5, MO.

kindness in answering
and hope that we can
give more of these
unfortunate victims a
temporary loaner.

Respect. yours

(Mrs.) Evelyn H. Schwartz

July 13, 1944

In reply please
refer to 2608

JUN 30 1944

Dear Mrs. Schwartz:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 22, 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. Joseph L. Schwartz,
6639 University Drive,
St. Louis 5, Missouri.

Enclosures.

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MRS. JOS. L. SCHWARTZ
6639 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
ST. LOUIS 5, MO.

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President F. D. Roosevelt,
40 The White House,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. President: -

I am asking you, please, if it is humanly possible, "To Establish Free Ports" for the Jews of Europe here in our country.

Handwritten notes on a document fragment, including a date stamp: "MAY 19 1944".

MRS. JOS. L. SCHWARTZ
659 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
ST. LOUIS 3, MO.

I am sure these
Jews of Europe could
be useful in the U.S.,
especially now, in
view of the shortage
of workers, after the
war some adjust-
ment could be made,
if necessary.

For Humanity's sake
please do something about
these "Free Ports" respect yours
June, 22, 1944 (Mrs.) Evelyn Schwartz

In reply please
refer to: 2808

JUL 21 1944

Dear Mr. Schwartzberg:

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

Mr. Sidney Schwartzberg,
2232 Woodlawn Avenue,
Niagara Falls, New York.

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2232 Woodlawn Av.
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
June 14, 1944

President Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President,

Your creation of a refugee
asylum camp is a step in the
right direction. Perhaps the next
steps will come easier. I hope
that you will see fit to fight
for these refugees - secure in the
knowledge that you are backed by
the mass of the people. And that
instead of 1000, 100,000 or more
could be saved.

Respectfully yours,
Sidney Schwartzberg

JUN 29 1944

*See Franklin,
S.P.*

My dear Mr. Mayor:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 15, 1944, concerning temporary havens in the United States for refugees. I wish also to thank you for your telegram of June 16, 1944, to the President and to me regarding the same matter.

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

Honorable Cornelius D. Scully,
Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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CORNELIUS D. SCULLY
MAYOR



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James*

June 15, 1944

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

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
TO THE
William D. Kasse
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

My dear Mr. President:

I have been asked to write you in the matter of the creation of "free ports" for refugees in this country, and to respectfully urge that this plan be developed. We are very much in favor of these ports, and trust that we might be able to provide a haven for the unfortunate.

Sincerely yours,

Cornelius D. Scully

Mayor
City of Pittsburgh

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FOR CONSIDERATION
William D. Kasse
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

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Mrs. George Seaman

BOX 466
BEACON
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YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
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August 21, 1944

William R. D.
Secretary to the President

Mr. President
Honored Sir:

An apology is due you and is hereby offered for my telegram of July 21st, relative to the establishment of temporary havens for refugees.

A letter from Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director of the War Refugee Board has explained fully about the action taken by you on June 12th.

How the news of this eluded me I cannot imagine for I have been advocating the establishment of such camps ever since the war broke out in Europe and have written many letters to influential persons, urging such action.

The telegram was sent in response to an urgent appeal from Mrs. Frances Gunther, Chairman of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, 25 West 45th Street, New York, an organization to which I have, from time to time, sent miniscule contributions.

I am sending Mr. Pehle's letter to Mrs. Gunther together with the data of action taken. I feel

that you are carrying far too heavy a burden to be annoyed in this manner.

I am thankful for what you have done and pray that many more of these unhappy peoples may be rescued in time.

May I add my note of thankfulness that you are at the helm. May you remain there and be daily given "the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength" which you so greatly need for this great task.

With sincerest respect,

Irmingarde Van Horne Seaman

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The President
Washington

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Mrs. George Seaman

BOX 466
BEACON
N. Y.

In
Reply to 3161

August 21, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am deeply indebted to you for your letter of August 12th explaining so fully the situation in regard to refugees.

I feel that a very sincere apology is due The President for my ignorance in not knowing and in so harassing one who is carrying so great a load.

I sent the telegram in response to a request to do so made by Mrs. Frances Gunther, Chairman of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, 25 West 45th Street New York. To this group I have sent tiny contributions from time to time. It never occurred to me that they would ask for action on something already done.

That I did not know that this action had been taken humiliates me as I have battled for these oppressed peoples ever since the persecutions

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began. My only excuse is that I was visiting my children at an Army Air Base where newspapers were next to impossible to get.

I pray that more and more of all faiths or with none may find refuge here.

I am sending your letter to Mrs. Gunther so that no more such appeals will be sent. The President is carrying much too great a load to be annoyed by unnecessary petitions.

Yours sincerely,

Ermingarde Van Horne Seaman

Ermingarde Van Horne Seaman.

In reply please
refer to: 3161

AUG 12 1944

Dear Mrs. Seaman:

The President has referred to me your telegram of July 31, 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

Mrs. Irmingarde Van Horne Seaman,
Beacon, New York.

Enclosures.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1944

Respectfully referred to the
War Refugee Board for consideration
and acknowledgment.

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

HONORED SIR WITH A HEART FULL OF THANKFULNESS THAT MY
HUGUENOT AND PILGRIM ANCESTORS FOUND REFUGE HERE I HOPE WE
WILL GIVE GENEROUS REFUGE TO OPPRESSED JEWS OF EUROPE FOR
THE SAKE OF THAT ONE JEW WHO IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD WITH
DEEP RESPECT

IRMINGARDE VAN HORNE SEAMAN

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JUL 31 1944
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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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In reply please
refer to: 3177

Dear Miss Sears:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 31, 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.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Edna Sears,
35 West 36th Street,
New York, New York.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

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To: *Fine* BODIES

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No. *Ans. Req.* STRAW BODIES

Animal FLOWERS

Date

July 31st 1944

President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

It is imperative that some measures be taken to rescue the millions of Jews in Europe who are in imminent danger of death at the hands of the Nazis. It is urgent that action be taken at once to forestall the plan of the Nazis to exterminate all the Jews and other persecuted minorities in Europe. The pressing need of the War Refugee Board is to provide havens of refuge of those oppressed who can escape this Nazi reign of terror.

I urge you as the great humanitarian you are to take speedy and effective action in connection with this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Edna Sears

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JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1159

Dear Mrs. Segal:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 5, 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. Harriet B. Segal,
4762 N. Tenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt
June 5, 1944
President of United States

RESPONSE ONLY DESIRED
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

Dear Mr. President
William V. Harrel
Secretary to the President

I strongly urge
that you support the
proposal for the
establishment of a "Free
Port" in the United
States, providing a
temporary haven for
war refugees.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Harriet B. Segal

4 762 N. Tenth Street
Phila Pa.

MAY 20 1944

In reply please
refer to: 718

Dear Mr. Seligsberg:

Thank you for your letter of May 15, 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. W. N. Seligsberg,
Seligsberg, Friedman & Berliner,
29 Broadway,
New York 6, New York.

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OFFICE OF
I. A. HIRSCHMANN

April 25, 1944

Mr. Josiah E. DuBois
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Joe:

I found this letter among a couple of hundred others in my mail today. I thought that in some way or other one of your boys might be interested in this man at some time.

Again thanks to you for all the help you and the boys gave me. I shall never forget it.

Cordially yours

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I. A. Hirschmann

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
90 TRINITY PLACE, NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

TELEPHONE: RECTOR 2-0881

April 19, 44

Mr. Irwin Hirschman
President
Bloomingdale
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hirschman:

You are to be congratulated upon your refugee freeport plan. Freezones have always been the temporary refuge of unsold i.e. homeless merchandise. Why should they not serve as haven for homeless souls? If located in this country, UNRRA would save the cost and space which is needed to feed those poor people.

Until I became a member of the faculty of this college in 1937, I have served nearly 20 years as port consultant in Europe, North Africa and Asia minor with headquarters in Hamburg and Switzerland. All experience on freeports, which I have gathered, is at your disposal for the great cause.

Good luck to your idea.

Sincerely yours

Albert Seves
Albert Seves,

Research Associate, International
Transportation Library-
In charge of War Shipping Courses
of the U.S. War Training Program.

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In reply please
refer to: 1153

JUN 17 1944

Dear Mr. Server:

Thank you for your recent card 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. Abraham Server,
116 West Girard Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures.

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In reply please
refer to: 1002

JUN 14 1944

Dear Miss Shafner:

Thank you for your recent cards 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

Miss Lucy C. Shafner,
1245 - 50th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

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1245-50 St.

Brooklyn N.Y.

6/6/44

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

Shafner

Lucy C. Shafner

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1245-50 St.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
6/6/44

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
Lucy C. Shafner

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June 6, 1944

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.

Esther Shapiro ✓
Bertha Goldstein
Gertrude Shapiro

Free Ports for Refugees

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Initial W. R. B.
Date 6/19/44

June 6, 1944

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.

Ester Shapiro
Bertha Goldfeder
Gertrude Shapiro

JUN 17 1944

In reply please
refer to: 1063

Dear Miss Sherman:

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 Sherman,
459 East 92nd Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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June 6, 1944
Dear Mr President,

to open Free Ports ^{Use urgency} in
the U. S. now.

Sincerely
anna sherman 459 E 92, St.
Bklyn, N Y.

In reply please
refer to: 964

JUN 14 1944

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Thank you for your recent cards 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. Harry Sherman,
1360 - 48th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosures.

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Dear Sir,

June 6, 1944

I am in favor of Free
Ports for Refugees and ask you
to please extend your good
office to see this great project
speedily accomplished.

Sincerely yours
Harry Sherman
1360 48 St. S. S. S. S.

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June 6, 1944
Honorable President.
Franklin D. Roosevelt:

I am in favor of Free Ports
for Refugees and ask you to please
extend your good offices to see this
great project speedily accomplished.

Respectfully yours
Harry Sherman
1360 48 St
Brooklyn N.Y.

JUN 14 1944

In reply please
refer to: 962

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Thank you for your recent cards 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. Isaac Sherman,
1360 -48th Street,
Brooklyn 19, New York.

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Dear Sir,

June 6, 1944

I am in favor of Free Ports for Refugees and ask you to extend your good offices and see that this great project is speedily accomplished

Very truly yours,
Isaac Sherman
1360-48 St.
Brooklyn 19, N.Y.

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Honorable President
Franklin D. Roosevelt

June 6, 1944

I am in favor of Free Ports for
Refugees and beg you to extend your
good offices and see that this great
project is speedily accomplished.

Respectfully yours,
Pearl & Isaac Sherman
1360-48 St.
Brooklyn 19, N. Y.

In reply please
refer to: 963...

JUN 14 1944

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Joseph Sherman,
1360 - 48th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

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June 6, 1944

Dear Sir,

I am in favor of the Pat
for Refuges and ask you to please
expect your good office to see this great
project speedily accomplished.

Sincerely yours

Joseph Shannon
1360 - 48 St.
BRONX, N.Y.

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Jan 6, 1948

Honorable President:

Franklin D. Roosevelt:

I am in favor of Free Ports
for Refugees and ask you to please
extend your good offices to see this
great project speedily accomplished.

Respectfully yours,
Joseph P. Kamp

Joseph P. Kamp - 48 St. 1007

JUN 14 1944

In reply please
refer to: 965

Dear Miss Sherman:

Thank you for your recent cards 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

Miss Pearl H. Sherman,
1360 - 48th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

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— June 6, 1944 —
Dear Sir:-
I am in favor of Trees Parts
for Refugees and ask you to ex-
tend your good offices and see that
this great project is speedily
accomplished.

Very truly yours,
Rene H. Sherman
1360-48 St
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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June 6, 1944

Honorable President
Franklin D. Roosevelt

I am in favor of Free Ports
for Refugees and beg you to extend
your good offices and see that this
great project is speedily accomplished

Respectfully yours,
Pearl H. Sherman
1360-48 St

Brooklyn, N.Y.

In reply please
refer to: 1409

JUL 24 1944

Dear Mr. Sherwood:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 9, 1944, concerning the admission of refugees to this country.

There is enclosed a copy of the President's message to Congress on June 12, which explains the background and purpose of the recently announced Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, to care for approximately 1,000 refugees until they can be returned to their homelands at the end of the war.

Your views on this matter have been noted.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Joseph Sherwood
397 East 158th Street,
Bronx 56, New York.

Enclosure.

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 Hon Franklin D Roosevelt
 White House
 Washington D.C.

June 9th, 1944.

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Dear Mr President

I just heard on my radio that you have approved bringing
 I.000 refugees to this country to be placed in a camp near Oswego N.Y..

When I heard this it made my blood boil to think we
 were going to get some more of that same calibre of people in this country
 that we got a few years ago.

I believe(as do all the people I come in contact with)
 that these people are the worst type ## that could be admitted to this
 country and I want to register my violent disapproval to that plan.

I think some thing should be done to americanize those
 that were admitted a few years ago and not let them be taking over the
 bussiness'es of this country as they are doing while our sons and brothers
 are away fighting for them.

I believe we got our share of them the last time and
 there is enough of them here now and it would be a good idea to send
 these now to Africa or some where else.

I am a voter in the 1st A.D. Bronx, and a veteran of
 the last war with two sons going into the service soon.

I have expressed my opinion candidly, I hope you
 understand, and there are millions more feel as I do.

Sincerely Yours

Joseph Sherwood
 397 East 158th Street
 Bronx 56 71X

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 FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
 AND CONSIDERATION

William J. Bennett
 Secretary to the President

In reply please
refer to: 711

MAY 20 1944

Dear Mr. Reiss:

Your letter of May 11, 1944, to the President,
concerning the establishment of temporary havens for
refugees, has been referred to me.

Your interest is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Louis Reiss,
Manager,
Shirt Makers Union,
151 West 33rd Street,
New York, New York.

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SHIRT MAKERS UNION

131 West 33rd St.

New York

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May 11th, 1944.

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

Honorable Sir:

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 hell."

Today, seven months later, Hitler stands on the brink of disaster. The German legions are in retreat everywhere. But the sufferings and the persecutions of the Fascist victims have not been halted. According to recent reports, the Nazis have, in desperation, intensified their bestial terror. Grave danger threatens millions of people in tortured Europe. Only swift action can save them now. Not words, or even tears, will have the power to restore or save their lives.

We have learned that the War Refugee Board has under serious 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 proposal has been endorsed by leading newspapers throughout the country.

We 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.

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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 effort in saving as many of the sufferers as possible.

Moreover, we believe that the adoption and the effectuation of the plan will help stay the brutal Nazi hand and will further encourage the ever-growing resistance to German barbarism.

The plan has our wholehearted support and we respectfully urge its immediate adoption.

Respectfully yours,

Executive Board.

(signed) Louis Reiss
Louis Reiss,
Manager.

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In reply please
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JUL 21 1944

Dear Mr. Shorr:

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. Sanford S. Shorr,
444 Wood Avenue,
Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Enclosures.

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War Refugee Bd.

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To: Files
444 Wood Ave. W.
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June 18 Date

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am very proud, as an American & a veteran of World War II, that you have found a new way to save the victims of Nazi barbarism in Europe. Further efforts in this direction on a larger scale would be forever remembered by these unfortunatest would receive wide support among the American people.

Respectfully,
Samuel J. Shorr

In reply please
refer to: 1685

JUN 24 1944

Dear Mrs. Shulhafer:

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.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Philip E. Shulhafer,
2636 Dellwood Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia.

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6-16-44

MRS. PHILIP E. SHULHAFAER
2636 DELLWOOD DRIVE, N. W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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

6-16-44

RESPECTFULLY REQUEST
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

Handwritten: William D. Russell
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr. President,

I am taking the liberty
of writing to you to urge how to

Special Agent in Charge
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carry out and broaden your plans
to establish free ports for refugees.

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No one deserving of the name
American can rightfully object
to such a humanitarian under-
taking. In addition to the
thousands that we could save,
we will by our example encourage
other countries to do likewise.

I wish that I had the gift
of writing adequately for such a
situation, but I know you understand
it much better than any of us
possibly could. Please use your
unparalleled power, prestige and influence
Respectfully yours
Hannah G. (Mrs. Philip E.) Shulhefer