Corres. relating to admission of refugees into the U.S. (Free ports and emergency shelter)

Emergency refugee shelters (letters from W.R.B. and replies)
Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

You are right in your conclusion that I would be interested in reading a copy of the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and copy of the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944. I read these copies referred to with very deep interest. They make clear the fact that definite constructive steps are being taken in order to provide temporary havens for refugees whose lives are at stake.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

President,
American Federation of Labor
Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

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Very truly yours,

/s/ W. GREEN

President,
American Federation of Labor

Emergency Refugee Shelter
June 9, 1944.

My dear Mr. Green:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Hon. William L. Green, President,
American Federation of Labor,
American Federation of Labor Building,
Washington, D. C.

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American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

June 16, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the President's cable to Robert Murphy.

I thought the President made an extremely good statement the other day. We here are tremendously glad that he has come out so forcefully, and hope that our facilities may be used in any way they can be in helping to get refugees moving from Europe to Fort Ontario. I think perhaps especially in Spain and Lisbon we might be able to help.

It is very much to your credit to have pushed this through.

Very sincerely yours,

Clarence E. Pickett
Executive Secretary
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Pickett:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Clarence Pickett,
American Friends Service Committee,
20 South 12th Street,

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JWP:mgt 6/9/44

Thank you for your support!
June 9, 1944

Dear Rabbi Wise:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise,
American Jewish Congress,
330 West 42d Street,
New York, New York.

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JWP:mg 6/9/44
June 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of President Roosevelt’s message to Congress with respect to the emergency shelter to be provided in the United States for the refugees from southern Italy.

Needless to say, this humanitarian step, constituting as it does a splendid example for other nations, is tremendously appreciated by us and will be helpful in the gigantic task which all of us are facing at this time.

With repeated thanks and deep appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Paul Baerwald
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JACOB LEVINSTON, Brooklyn
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SAM A. LEWIS, New York
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JOSEPH E. LOE, Los Angeles
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DAVID P. WOHL, St. Louis
MORRIS WOLF, Philadelphia
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EDWARD M. M. WARBURG, New York

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Baerwald:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Paul Baerwald,
Chairman, The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

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JWP:mgt 6/9/44
Dear Mr. Baruch:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 9, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Bernard M. Baruch,
597 Madison Avenue,

Enclosures

JWP:mg 6/9/44
June 20, 1944.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, sending me a copy of the message sent to the Congress on June 12, 1944, by the President of the U. S., together with other documents in connection with the problem of refugees.

I wish to express my best thanks for your kindness in sending me those documents, which I am forwarding to my Government in Lisbon./.

Very truly yours,

João de Bianchi
Portuguese Ambassador

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.
June 13, 1944.

My dear Mr. Minister:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the message sent to the Congress on June 12, 1944 by the President, together with a White House press release containing the text of a cable sent by the President to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers and a memorandum sent to agency heads, both sent on June 8, 1944.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

The Minister of Portugal,
The Portuguese Legation,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures
My dear Mr. Pehle:

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for the copy of the President's telegram which you sent me with your letter of June 9th.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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

SB: Cv
June 9, 1944.

My dear Mr. Bloom:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

You may also be interested in the attached copy of a speech which I made last week in New York on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Honorable Sol Bloom,

House of Representatives.

Enclosures
Dear Mr. Pehle:

I beg to thank you for your letter of June 9th, by which you were good enough to send me a press release regarding the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I have read with great interest of the important step thus taken by the American Government.

Sincerely yours,

W. BOSTRÖM

Minister of Sweden
June 9, 1944

My dear Mr. Minister:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

The Minister of Sweden,
The Legation of Sweden,
Washington, D. C.

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JWP:mgt 6/9/44
Mr. John W. Pehle  
War Refugee Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I have just returned from a short vacation and find your letter of June 9. I appreciate your sending me the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the President's statement to Congress.

I know how much energy and enthusiasm you are putting into this effort. I have heard much favorable comment in respect to you. I always have pleasure in hearing a former colleague well spoken of.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

J. P. Chamberlain
June 9, 1944

Dear Professor Chamberlain:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle
J.W. Pehle
Executive Director

Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain,
510 Kent Hall,
Columbia University,
New York, New York.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944.

My dear Mr. Atkinson:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Mr. Henry A. Atkinson,
The Church Peace Union,
70 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944

Dear Ben:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Benjamin V. Cohen,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

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JWP:mg 6/9/44
June 13, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I beg to acknowledge your esteemed letter of June 9, 1944, and wish to thank you for your kindness in forwarding to me a copy of the order establishing an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. I am pleased to have this memorandum and appreciate your consideration in sending it.

With sentiments of esteem and every best wish, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Archbishop of Laodicea  
Apostolic Delegate
June 9, 1944.

My dear Archbishop Cicognani:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Amleto Giovanni Cicognani,
Archbishop of Laodicea di Frigia,
The Apostolic Delegate,
Washington, D. C.

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JWPehle:1hh 6/9/44
June 23, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Exec. Dir.
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you for sending me the copy of the President's recent message to Congress which I had already read with very real appreciation when it appeared in the press.

May I venture to say that I hope that this is only the beginning of a more generous attitude on the part of our government toward the uncounted numbers of individuals whose lives are in jeopardy, either because of their political beliefs or religious or racial background.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth G. Bradley
Executive Secretary
A Foreign Policy for Americans

The Committee for a Democratic Foreign Policy is concerned with the creation at the earliest possible date of a general world organization, comprising both large and small nations, with power to keep the peace. But its primary emphasis is on the imperative need of an informed public scrutiny of the daily acts and present attitudes of our policy-makers. We assert that blueprints of future world organizations, however precise and well-intentioned, are of little avail without a careful check on the specific lines of policy pursued from day to day in particular countries. The peace and the postwar world will not spring full-blown from the brains of planners seated at a conference table; they are being determined now by our immediate acts—or failures to act. Moreover, governments do not function in a diplomatic vacuum, but within the framework and atmosphere created by public awareness or indifference.

The world's future is bound up with the preservation and extension of the United Nations partnership and with a constantly deepening understanding among the great powers—Great Britain, the Soviet Union, China and the United States. But such a partnership cannot be built upon the shifting sands of great power alliances and zones of influence. There must be an international framework within which all nations, great and small, may achieve mutual security and freedom by a pooling of sovereignty in the interests of the general welfare. Permanent prosperity is incompatible with war. Our national self-interest dictates the creation of an international organization because unbridled sovereignty, unilateral diplomacy and imperial arrogance are incompatible with world peace.

World War II is not only a national struggle between "peace-loving" and aggressor states; it is also a deep-going social upheaval, of which the military battles are a surface manifestation. In proportion as the war becomes "less ideological in character", the struggle and sacrifice become meaningless. To have moral justification, it must be waged as a global fight for freedom—a contest between the liberating forces of democracy and the repressive tyranny of fascism. Fascism, the modern form of political tyranny and economic enslavement, dominant in the aggressor states, is an ever-present threat in all countries, including our own. Therefore, a democratic and stable world order is not possible without progressive social reform at home.

Finally, we must beware of policies of so-called "expediency", which, under the guise of respecting "legitimacy" and preserving "law-and-order", will actually play into the hands of reactionary minorities and block the legitimate aspirations of the peoples now under Nazi domination. The primary concern of American foreign policy, not only in principle but in practice, must be the active assistance and protection of the democratic forces in all countries.

A policy of preserving and extending democracy in all countries is neither altruism nor impractical idealism, but enlightened self-interest. To make such a policy prevail is the responsibility of the American people as a whole. The single purpose of the Committee for a Democratic Foreign Policy is to awaken the American people to this responsibility.

HELP US IN THIS GREAT TASK
SHOW THIS STATEMENT TO A FRIEND
SEND A CONTRIBUTION TO ENABLE US TO REACH MORE PEOPLE

COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FOREIGN POLICY
AFFILIATED WITH THE
UNION FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION
565 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.
June 21, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Room 283½
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

I have just come back to light in town for a few minutes. This is to thank you very much for your notes of June 8th and 12th. You are doing a good job.

Yours,

[Signature]
June 9, 1944

Dear Tom:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. 

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Thomas Corcoran,
1511 K Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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JWP:mgt 6/9/44
June 15, 1944

Dear John:

I appreciate very much your sending me the mimeographed copy of the President's Report of June 12 to Congress.

This is really a first rate job.

Sincerely yours,

Oscar Got

Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department Bldg.
Washington, D.C.
FOREIGN ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 11, 1944

Dear John:

I have just received your note of June 9th, sending along the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy.

I am interested in having this for my files. It is a good job and my hat's off to you and your boys again!

Sincerely yours,

Oscar Cox

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.
Dear Oscar:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Oscar Cox,
Foreign Economic Administration,
Room 1063 Tempo T Building,
Washington, D. C.

JWP:mg 6/9/44
Dear John:

I cannot refrain from congratulating the country and yourself upon the fact that you are now lending your distinctive abilities and great capacity to the public work in connection with the War Refugee Board. The fact that you are on the job will insure its effective and successful administration for the greatest number of these poor people within the financial limitations imposed upon you.

Good luck!

The other day I was talking to Henry Morgenthau in connection with certain matters which had come up between The President's War Relief Control Board and the War Refugee Board. I would then have congratulated him warmly had I known of your appointment.

Hastily,

Joseph E. Davies

Hon. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.
June 9, 1944.

My dear Mr. Davies:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Hon. Joseph E. Davies,
315 - 15th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Dickstein:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable Samuel Dickstein,
House of Representatives.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944.

My dear Sir Herbert:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Sir Herbert Emerson, Director,
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees,
c/o American Embassy,

Enclosures
Dear Mr. Ernst:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Morris Ernst,
285 Madison Avenue,
New York 17, New York.

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JWP: mgt 6/9/44
June 9, 1944.

My dear Mr. Cavert:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary,
The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America,
297 - 4th Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosures
June 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

How thoughtful of you to send me the President's cable and the memorandum formulating the program for the emergency refugee shelter at Fort Ontario. You can about imagine how happy its establishment has made me. Needless to say I know these things do not just happen. I know that your drive and resourcefulness are mainly responsible for it. Continued strength to your efforts!

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Hon. Wallace E. Pehle
June 9, 1944.

Dear Justice Frankfurter:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Justice Felix Frankfurter,
United States Supreme Court,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures
June 12, 1944

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

My dear Director:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 9, 1944, transmitting a copy of the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and a copy of the memorandum which he sent to your agency relative to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

I thank you for your courtesy in making this information available to me.

Sincerely,

GUY M. GILLETTE
June 9, 1944.

My dear Senator:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Honorable Guy M. Gillette,

United States Senate.

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

Dear John:

I appreciate very much your notes of the 9th and 12th with the thrilling enclosures.

These letters had to follow almost as tortuous a route as the refugees escaping from Europe. I have been working here in New York for the past two weeks and my mail has accordingly had a perilous journey before catching up with me.

I dropped Joe a line early this week after reading in the papers the President's message to the Congress.

I warmly congratulate you on your splendid accomplishments to date. I can well understand how impatient you are to make a serious dent in this problem but we must be content with every step forward whether large or small.

Everyone that I meet up here feels that you have been doing a magnificent job and you have won the admiration and esteem of all those interested in saving refugees.

As I wrote Joe, I am leaving the government at the end of this month to pick up the threads of my former life here in New York. For more than two years I have been separated from my family and it just has not worked out well for my wife and child to be in New York while I am in Washington.

I have hopes of getting down to Washington before the end of the month and if I do I shall give you a ring to say good-bye in person.

With all best wishes and kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Milton Handler.
June 9, 1944

Dear Milt:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Milton Handler,
Room 1089, Tempo T. Building,
Washington, D.C.

Enclosures

JWP:mgt 6/9/44
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Peter:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J.W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Marc Peter,
International Red Cross Committee,
1645 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Enclosures

JWP:mgt 6/9/44
June 9, 1944.

My dear Mr. Held:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 3, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director.

Adolph Held, Chairman,
Jewish Labor Committee,
175 E. Broadway,
New York, New York.

Enclosures
June 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the President's cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and the other directives which form the background of the news announcement regarding the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, New York.

Never have I seen a more dramatic example of intelligent, swift and humane but realistic government administration. You deserve a special award from a grateful people.

Yours faithfully,

M. Lincoln Schuster

J. W. Pehle, Esq.
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.
June 12, 1944

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M. Lincoln Schuster

ML: E.B

J. W. Pehle, Esq.
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Schuster:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Lincoln Schuster,
Simon and Schuster, Inc.,
Rockefeller Center,
1230 6th Avenue,
New York, New York.

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JWP:mg 6/9/44
In reply please refer to: 1993

JUN 30 1944

My dear Mr. Klein:

I have your letter of June 30, 1944, requesting information regarding the establishment of refugee shelters.

In addition to the recently announced program for an emergency shelter at Fort Ontario, plans under way include projects for the removal of refugees from Spain to Camp Marschal Lyauty near Casablanca, the establishment of a shelter in Tripolitania under the joint financial responsibility of the United States and Great Britain, and the expansion of other shelter facilities already existing in the Mediterranean area. These operations make use of structures originally erected for military or other purposes which are suitable for housing large groups of persons.

The practicability of establishing refugee shelters in other areas as they are liberated will, of course, be determined in large measure by military expediency. However, to the extent that circumstances permit, it will be the Board's policy to seek facilities to care for refugees in areas as near to their homelands as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Emergency Refugee Shelter

Honorable Arthur G. Klein,
House of Representatives.
Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of the cablegram sent to the President by Mr. Robert Murphy. You know how strongly I and the citizens of my district feel on the need for action in the present task of rescuing human lives.

Could I secure from you further information on the establishment of emergency refugee shelters? I am particularly interested to know whether such shelters are being established in the countries now being liberated by the Allied armies; and whether there is a prospect of doing that with the further progress of the process of liberation.

Sincerely,

A. G. Klein

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

AGK: ap
June 9, 1944.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Honorable Arthur G. Klein,
House of Representatives.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Kingdon:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 5, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Frank Kingdon,
Suite 902,
103 Park Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Fehle
J. W. Fehle
Executive Director.

Honorable Fiorella La Guardia,
Mayor of the City of New York,
New York, New York.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944.

My dear Mrs. Luce:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Honorable Clare Boothe Luce,

House of Representatives.

Enclosures
June 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle,

I am in receipt of your letters of June 1st, and am pleased that you liked the recent remarks I made in the name.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mr. Pehle, 549
Washington, D.C.
June 9, 1944

My dear Mr. McCormack:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Honorable John W. McCormack,

House of Representatives.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Mr. James G. McDonald,
22 East 38th Street,
New York, New York.

Enclosures
J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Executive Office of the President,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Director:

This is just a brief note of thanks for your letter and enclosure with regard to the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, New York.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Janet M. Head
My dear Senator:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Honorable James M. Mead,
United States Senate.

Enclosures

Thank you very much for your support!

JW.Pehle: lhh 6/9/44
June 9, 1944.

Dear Justice Murphy:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 3, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Justice Frank Murphy,
United States Supreme Court,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Honorable James E. Murray,
United States Senate.

Enclosures
Dear Mr. Nyer:

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter dated July 10, 1944, to us from Mr. Siegmund Jeremias, Director, Division of Foreign Relief and International Relations, National CIO War Relief Committee, 1776 Broadway, New York 19, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Anne Laughlin
Special Assistant to the Executive Director

Mr. Dillon Nyer,
Director,
War Relocation Authority,
Barr Building,
Washington, D. C.

Attachment.
Dear Mr. Jeremias:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 10, 1944, giving assurance of the National CIO War Relief Committee's cooperation with all agencies interested in the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

The support of this project by your organization is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Siegmund Jeremias,
Director,
Division of Foreign Relief
and International Relations,
National CIO War Relief Committee,
1976 Broadway,
New York 19, New York.
July 10th, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Your note of June 6th to Mr. Philip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, with copy of the cablegram from the President to Ambassador Murphy has been referred to me.

I would like to assure you that the National CIO War Relief Committee will assist the War Refugee Board, the War Relocation Authority and all other governmental agencies interested in the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Port Ontario, whenever such assistance is called for.

We are very happy that the first experiment with the 1,000 refugees from Italy is under way and we hope sincerely that it will be worked out satisfactorily so that more people will be rescued.

Yours very truly,

Siegfried Jeremias, Director,
Division of Foreign Relief and International Relations

One Hour's Pay Each Month .... Give Once For All!

OFFICIAL WAR RELIEF AND WAR SERVICE AGENCY OF THE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS
Registration No. D.D., President's War Relief Council Board
COOPERATING WITH NATIONAL WAR FUND AND AMERICAN RED CROSS
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Murray:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Philip Murray,
President of the G. I. O.,
718 Jackson Place, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures
Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Establishment of the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario was exciting news. It is a tribute to your perseverance and the devoted work of your staff.

It was good of you to send me a copy of the President’s cablegram and the memorandum to agency heads. The forthright manner in which the task has been undertaken is the best assurance that refugees will be rescued while there is yet time.

As Mr. Beck has advised you, the National Refugee Service is ready with such help as you may ask of it.

Gordially,

William Rosenwald

A DECADE OF REFUGEE AID IN AMERICA

War Relief Control Board Reg. No. 590
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. William Rosenwald,
National Refugee Service, Inc.,
139 Centre Street,
New York, New York.

Enclosures

JWP:mgt 6/9/44

Thanks for your help and support!
June 16, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much for your kind letter, in which you express your appreciation of the role played by the New York Post in directing public attention toward the establishment of Emergency Refugee Shelters. Needless to say, we are delighted that this rescue work is under way.

Both Samuel Grafton and William O. Player, of our Washington office, have told me how helpful and cooperative you have been, and I am happy to have this opportunity to thank you for your many courtesies to them.

My husband and I are eager to make your acquaintance, and do hope you will let us know when you will be in New York, so that we may invite you to lunch with us at the newspaper.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dorothy S. Thackrey
June 10, 1944

PERSONAL

Dear Mrs. Thackrey:

I am sure you rejoiced, as I did, over the President's announcement that 1,000 refugees from Italy are to be brought to the United States and placed in an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario.

We deeply appreciate the role the New York Post played in directing public attention toward this humanitarian undertaking. It has performed a great service.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J.W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Dorothy S. Thackrey, Publisher
New York Post
New York, New York
June 10, 1944

Dear Mr. Player:

I want you to know how much I appreciate all of the things you did leading up to the President's announcement yesterday. You deserve some kind of decoration for service beyond the call of duty.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. William G. Player, Jr.
New York Post
National Press Building
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sam:

I can't let this great day go by without thanking you for your Free Port pieces and for the support you obtained for us from the New York Post and other newspapers carrying your column (may they multiply).

Sincerely,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Samuel Grafton,
New York Post,
75 West Street,
New York, New York.

JW
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June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Patton:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. James G. Patton,  
President, National Farmer's Union,  
430 Munsey Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures

Thanks for your support!

JWP:mgt 6/9/44
Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, sending me a copy of the message sent to the Congress on June 12, 1944, by the President of the U. S., together with other documents in connection with the problem of refugees.

I wish to express my best thanks for your kindness in sending me those documents, which I am forwarding to my Government in Lisbon./.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. BIANCHI

Joao de Bianchi
Portuguese Ambassador

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.
June 9, 1944.

My dear Judge Proskauer:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Honorable Joseph Proskauer,
11 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944

Dear Randolph:

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Very truly yours,

(signed) John

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Randolph Paul,
3206 P Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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JWP:mgt 6/9/44
June 13th, 1944.

Mr. J. W. Pehle  
Executive Office Of The President  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25 D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thanks for your letter of June 8th enclosing a copy of the cable sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario. I think I know how important the acceptance of this small number of refugees is to the over-all picture.

Through the newspapers and a couple of friends I managed to follow your activities to a certain extent. I am genuinely thankful and grateful.

I saw Mr. Baruch last week. He told me that his original, favorable impression of you was growing from week to week. The old boy seems to be quite familiar with your activities, and, as you know, is not given to careless praise.

What a great pity it is that you were not brought into this picture long ago.

My affectionate regards,

Billy Rose.

Billy Rose Enterprises

235 West 46th Street

New York City
June 13th, 1944.

Mr. J. W. Pehle  
Executive Office Of The President  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Billy Rose.
June 9, 1944

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Billie Rose,
235 West 46th Street,
New York, New York.

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JWP:mgt 6/9/44
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Scherman:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Harry Scherman,
385 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosures

JWP: mgt 6/9/44
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Schieffelin:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. William Jay Schieffelin,
620 Park Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosures

JWP:mgt 6/9/44
Mr. J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I have been overwhelmed with the court work which accumulates in the last month of the court year, and that accounts for my delay in answering your letter of June 9th. I congratulate you upon your successful working out of these emergency refugee shelters. The cablegram from the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads are fine state papers. You are relighting the torch in the hand of the Statue of Liberty. Keep up the good work. I hope some day that I can again duplicate that fine visit we had here in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Superior Court of Cook County
Ulysses S. Schwartz, Judge
In Chambers
Chicago
June 27, 1944.
June 9, 1944

Dear Judge Schwartz:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Judge Ulysses Schwartz,
1125 E. 48th Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Enclosures

JWP:mgt 6/9/44
June 9, 1944

Dear Professor Shotwell:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Professor James T. Shotwell,
Division of Economics and History,
415 West 117th Street,
New York, New York.

Enclosures

JWP:mg 6/9/44
My dear Mr. Smith:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director.

Hon. Alfred E. Smith,
Empire State Building,
New York, New York.

Enclosures

Thank you very much for your support!
June 30, 1944

No. 582

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th
instant and for the items enclosed, which
I find very interesting.

I thank you again for your courtesy
and beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

Eduardo M. Daus
Minister Counselor
June 13, 1944.

My dear Mr. Minister:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the message sent to the Congress on June 12, 1944 by the President, together with a White House press release containing the text of a cable sent by the President to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers and a memorandum sent to agency heads, both sent on June 8, 1944.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

The Minister of Spain,
The Spanish Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures
June 9, 1944

Your Excellency:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Most Reverend Francis Spellman,
477 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

Enclosures
June 13, 1944

Dear John:

I appreciate very much your letter of June 9th enclosing copy of the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy.

You are engaged in a great humanitarian task in which you have our constant good wishes and prayers for success.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Manning

Mr. John W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D. C.
June 9, 1944

Dear Manning:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Manning Handler,
Stern Brothers and Co.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Enclosures

JWP:mg 6/9/44
LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND
WASHINGTON D. C.

June 14, 1944.

My dear Mr. Pehle,

I thank you very much for your letter of June 9th with which you were so kind as to send me a copy of the press release of that date, containing the text of a cablegram sent by the President to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and of a memorandum regarding the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

I also appreciate you having mailed to me a copy of the President's message of June 12th to the Congress of the United States, concerning the persecuted minorities in Europe.

The contents of these press releases have been of great interest to me.

Very truly yours

[Signature]

Minister of Switzerland

Mr. J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Executive Office of the President,
Washington, D.C.
June 9, 1944

My dear Mr. Minister:

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

The Minister of Switzerland,
The Legation of Switzerland,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures
June 12, 1944

Dear John Pehle:

I thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the telegrams.

I congratulate you on the success you are building. I hope it goes on. Good luck.

When you are again in the city let us know.

With regard.

Faithfully,

[Signature]

J. W. Pehle, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Swope:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Hon. Herbert Bayard Swope,
745 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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June 9, 1944.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Honorable Myron Taylor,

Department of State.

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June 14, 1944

Mr. J.W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Pehle,

Your letter and the copy of the President's cablegram to Robert Murphy has been received in Bishop Tucker's absence.

Knowing of his interest in the matter, I feel quite sure he will be happy that these provisions have been made.

Very sincerely yours,

DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

[Signature]
Executive Secretary

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June 9, 1944.

My dear Bishop Tucker:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Right Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, D.D.
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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UNITED YUGOSLAV RELIEF FUND OF AMERICA

June 27, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you for sending me, under date of June 9th, the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads regarding the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario.

As this project develops I will appreciate hearing further details from you with the thought that this organization may be able to be of service.

Sincerely yours,

Collin Wells
National Director

A MEMBER AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL WAR FUND, INC.
June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Mr. Colin Wells, National Director,
United Yugoslav Relief Fund,
11 West 57th Street,
New York 19, New York.

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My dear Mr. Vice President:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

The Honorable

The Vice President of the United States.

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My dear Senator:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable Robert F. Wagner,
United States Senate.

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June 13, 1944.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I advised you over the telephone yesterday that I did not think the President was going to send a message to Congress on the refugee matter. However, shortly after our conversation I received word that a message had been sent by the President and I am enclosing a copy thereof for your information.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

The Honorable

The Secretary of War.

Enclosure
Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director, War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

You were very good indeed to send me your letter of June 19th. Of course, we were more than grateful when the announcement came in the press about the Emergency Shelter to be set up at Oswego, N. Y. However, this does seem only a drop in the bucket and it would seem to me that much more than one rescue camp would be necessary.

At any rate, I would like to have an opportunity to come and talk to you about what is our best line in the future. I am going out to the Democratic Convention to appear before the Platform Committee and, of course, I want to raise this, among other things. However, I want to be helpful and not hinder any plans which the Board may have and, therefore, I would like very much if I may have a chance to see you sometime within the next ten days.

May I express once again our continued satisfaction with the wonderful work of the Board.

Faithfully yours,

Dorothy Detzer
National Secretary
June 9, 1944.

My dear Mrs. Ingraham:

I know you will be interested in reading the cablegram sent by the President to Robert Murphy and the memorandum sent by him to the agency heads on June 8, 1944, copies of which are enclosed, with regard to the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Mrs. Henry A. Ingraham, President,
Young Women's Christian Association,
600 Lexington Avenue,
New York, New York.

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