

American Federation of Jews from Central Europe, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Callman:

I have your letter of July 31, 1944, requesting information concerning reports that the Hungarian Government is willing to allow Jews to leave Hungary if they possess visas or permits to enter other countries.

As you can well imagine, the present situation in Hungary and the neighboring countries has become complicated by recent military and diplomatic developments. Nevertheless, the War Refugee Board, together with interested groups, is prepared to take all practicable steps to effectuate the declaration of the two Governments. As soon as there are concrete developments, we shall communicate with you again.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a joint statement recently issued by the United States and British Governments with respect to the problem of Hungarian Jews.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Peble

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Executive Director

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President,  
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I have your letter of July 31, 1944, requesting  
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is willing to allow Jews to leave Hungary if they possess  
visas or permits to enter other countries.

I am enclosing for your information a Department  
of State press release dated August 13, 1944, which covers  
the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Fehle  
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Dear Mr. Pehle:

To-day we received a cable from the Association of Refugees in Sidney, Australia, which reads as follows:

"Please cable immediately whether newspaper reports true that Hungarian Government willing to allow Jews to leave Hungary if they possess visas or permits to enter other countries. Please inform us what other possibilities if any available to save Hungarians of Jewish origin from destruction or deportation."

I would highly appreciate it if you let me have authentic information, enabling me to answer the questions of our Australian friends. I would be especially obliged to you if you gave this matter your prompt attention as we and our friends are anxious to get this information and to do all within our power to assist our people in their endeavor to escape from Hungary.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and remain

Very truly yours,

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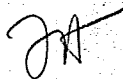
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

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Dear Mr. Callmann:

Thank you for your letter of February 8, 1944,  
concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director  
of the new War Refugee Board.

Your offer of the assistance of your organiza-  
tion is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

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 War Refugee Board  
 Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

May I assume that you remember our previous correspondence we had with you in your capacity as Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury Department, when we approached you with regard to TFR-500, to clear up a number of questions which were of special interest to the members of our group.

Today it is my privilege to contact you again as acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board. First of all I wish to extend to you my heartiest congratulations to this appointment and I sincerely hope that your endeavors to save as many lives endangered by Nazi persecution as possible, will turn out successfully.

We are very anxious to offer to you our services and cooperation to this end, and you may be assured that we shall do our utmost to assist you whenever and in whatever way you think our services could be of some help for the achievements of your task.

The Federation is a nation wide institution and the central body of about 25 affiliated organizations. These comprise a membership of about 20,000 organized people out of over the 100,000 recent Jewish immigrants from Europe.

We represent that group of immigrants most of whom have close relatives and dear friends among the Jews still under Nazi rule and in danger of extermination. You may therefore understand that our group, more than any other group, are in a very personal way deeply concerned with the fate of their relatives and especially interested in the tasks the President of the United States has given to the War Refugee Board.

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Mr. John W. Pehle

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May I emphasize that within our ranks we have available a large number of people whose background, personal experiences, and eagerness to serve such a worthy cause as yours, may be of some value to you.

Should you decide to make use of our services, our whole group would be proud and ready to do whatever is within its power.

Very sincerely yours,

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF JEWS  
FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, INC.



Rudolf Callmann  
President

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