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33 College Avenue
Waterville, Maine

March 19, 1945.

Mr. David White, Administrative Officer,
War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. White:

I have just come back from an extended trip to find your letter with its enclosure of a copy of a letter from my daughter, Miss Mary Harriet Bixler in Turkey. In accordance with her instructions I am forwarding a check for \$300.

Thank you for your word about her work in Turkey. I know that the experience has broadened her interests and I hope she was able to be of service.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Bixler.

March 8, 1945

Mr. J. S. Bixler
33 College Avenue,
Waterville, Maine

Dear Mr. Bixler:

We are in receipt of a letter from your daughter in Turkey, dated February 10, 1945, in which she stated that she was sending you a copy of the same letter. The letter discusses the manner in which she wishes to reimburse us for a travel advance of \$300 made when she left to assume her position for us abroad. I assume that by now you have this letter in your possession and wish to follow her directions concerning repayment. However, should the letter not have arrived, I am enclosing a copy. Please make you check payable as follows: David White, Administrative Officer, War Refugee Board. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

I should like to add that I have had fine reports on the job your daughter did for us in Turkey.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) David White

David White
Administrative Officer

Enclosure:

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WATERVILLE, MAINE

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

August 29, 1944

Dear Mr. Abrahamson:

Thank you for your kind letter. It turned out that I was much too impatient, for a letter came in from my daughter two days after I wrote to you, and another one came two days later. She is most keen about her work and apparently is having a very rewarding experience.

Naturally I shall be glad of any news that you can send, but I feel I should have waited and not bothered you in the first place.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Bunker

Mr. Albert Abrahamson
Asst. Executive Director, War
Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D.C.

AUG 26 1944

Dear President Bixler:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of August 23, I made inquiry as to the situation with regard to peech mail from Turkey. The story seems to be that it takes between thirty and forty-five days for such mail to arrive in this country. There is in addition a short period for censorship in Turkey, and in this country between four and seven days are devoted to this process. My estimate therefore is that your failure to hear from Mary Harriet is due to the slowness of the mail rather than to any other factor. I might add that the current excitement in the Balkan area will tend to add to the delay.

As a result of your wholly understandable concern, I am arranging to add an appropriate sentence to the next WRB cable to Ankara and I hope that as a result more letters will be forthcoming.

We have heard of no untoward events in Ankara as far as War Refugee Board work is concerned. There has been a great deal of activity and most of it has been quite interesting. Some of it as a matter of fact may help your daughter write a novel along E. Phillips Oppenheim lines, although this is hardly the type of English literature that has interested her in the past.

If there is any other news, I shall keep you informed. It was grand meeting you at Brunswick and I look forward to seeing you again.

Cordially yours,

W. Abrahamson

Albert Abrahamson
Asst. Executive Director

President J. S. Bixler
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Waterville, Maine

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WATERVILLE, MAINE

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

August 23, 1944

Dear Mr. Abrahamson:

You were so friendly in our conversation at Brunswick at the time of the celebration that I am taking the liberty of asking if you can help to quiet the nerves of an impatient parent.

We had a telegram from Washington, signed as I recall by Mr. White, saying that my daughter Mary Harriet reached her destination July eighteenth. Since then friends have been visiting us who say that pouch mail comes to them regularly from the Near East in three weeks and sometimes in two. We have heard nothing from our daughter and are beginning to wonder whether there has been any difficulty about pouch mail from Turkey in these recent times, or whether any information has come to your office about what kind of conditions the members of the War Refugee Board over there are meeting. If you have any information at all it would be most gratefully received.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Buxton

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4, 6-8 weeks

20 vs 47 days
10 vs 14 days

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