

BLUMENTHAL, ERNST -- KAUL, FRIEDRICH KAREL

OCT 17 1944

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of October 12, 1944, addressed to Secretary Morgenthau.

The matter to which you refer is not one within the jurisdiction of the War Refugee Board. I understand that your cases are now pending before the Department of Justice where, I am sure, they will receive appropriate consideration.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Messrs. Friedrich Karl Kaul
Ernst Blumenthal
Alien Detention Station,
Algiers, Louisiana.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE October 17, 1944

TO Mr. Pehle

FROM Lawrence S. Lesser

Edward Ennis, Chief of the Alien Control Unit of the Department of Justice, told me that Kaul's and Blumenthal's cases are now before him for decision. He said that they have fairly strong evidence indicating that Kaul is or was a Nazi agent, and that his release will be refused. All they have against Blumenthal is that he traveled with Kaul. The cases have been held up, according to Ennis, because they wanted to be sure they were doing the right thing in each case. The disposition of Blumenthal's case is giving Ennis much trouble. Ennis stated that if we wanted to, we could look at the records in both these cases and perhaps help him come to a determination. I told him that I didn't think there was any reason for us to look into the records, but that I would check.

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Dr. Friedrich Karl Kaul
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Algiers-New Orleans October 12th 1944

The Honorable
Henry Morgenthau jun.
Secretary of the Treasury
Hotel Roosevelt
New Orleans La.

Sir:-

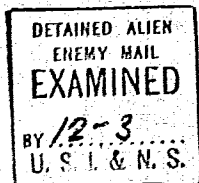
Shortly before you left Washington, we had sent you the enclosed wire.
Please kindly excuse us that we consider your arrival in New Orleans-
so close to Algier-not as a mere coincidence but as a sign of destiny.
Thanking you in advance for whatever interest you should take in our
cases we remain

respectfully yours,

F. K. Kaul
Dr. Friedrich Karl Kaul

Ernst Blumenthal

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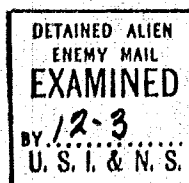


President Roosevelt C/O Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jun.
White House
Washington D.C.

Being the last remaining internees of a formerly large group of Jewish internees we beg for your assistance particularly as a member of the War Refugee Board after all other means failed stop kept by the nazis in concentrationcamps for years we emigrated as really political refugees to Latin America stop December 1941 detained in Nicaragua for lack of proper visa we were taken to USA stop after first hearing June 1943 we repeated gladly on April 1944 on request of Alien Control Unit declaration of loyalty on behalf of USA and all nations united in fight against Nazism given from us already June 1942 stop at second hearing July 1944 we received promises that final decision will be made within July stop on August 22nd National Refugee Service notified us that release was granted and that Alien Control Unit had asked them to settle us stop completion of settlement was reported back beginning of September stop our inquiry on September 18th brought us reply of Alien Control Unit that matter was pending in review section stop now six weeks after announcement of release to National Refugee Service we still have to stay in interment camp between nazis stop we pray your honor to assist us in freeing us of the shame of being considered dangerous in this country's fight against Nazism.

Friedrich Karl Kaul

Ernst Blumenthal



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