

Coordinating Council of French Relief Societies, Inc.

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Dear Dr. Davenport:

Thank you for your letter of February 16, 1944,  
in response to my request for suggestions to aid the Beard  
in formulating its programs.

Your interest and desire to cooperate with us  
in any projects involving French people have been noted,  
and I shall be pleased to receive any proposals which you  
may wish to offer as our programs take shape.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Acting Executive Director

Dr. William S. Davenport,  
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Dear Mr. Pehle

*Secretary*  
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We are in receipt of your favor of February 8th enclosing a copy of the Executive Order No. 9417.

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As you state, our Agency has in the past contributed to the cause of relieving the distress of refugees, but in our case this has been limited to the sending of clothes to Spain for French emigres, a situation which we understand is now fairly well under control, and to the rescue and relief of specific individuals by one of our Member Societies, the American Association of Assistance to French Artists.

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In view of our activities being devoted entirely to French relief we are not faced with your main problem which is the relief and rescue of groups of persons threatened with extermination by the enemy, nor do we feel in a position to suggest a specific action that we believe your Board should take to effectuate the policy announced in the Executive Order.

*Secretary General*  
DR. WILLIAM S. DAVENPORT  
*Executive Director*  
MISS EDNA BREZEE

We remain on the other hand most eager to cooperate with you in any such relief work, where French people may be involved, that we may not be aware of at the present time or that may occur in the future.

Very sincerely yours,

*William S. Davenport*

Dr. William S. Davenport  
Secretary General

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