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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Herman O. Duncan,
Dix, Illinois.

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Dix, Illinois.
July 6, 1944.

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

Dear Mr Pehle:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the
Presidents message of June 12 to Congress.

In this message the President makes mention of the
systematic persecution of helpless minorities by
the Nazi and the unprovoked murder of innocent people
simply because of race, religion or political creed.

May I respectfully request copies of the substantial
evidence upon which these assertions of the President
are based.

Respectfully yours,

Herman O. Duncan
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Mr J W Behle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington, D C.

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JUL 4 1944

Dear Mr. Duncan:

The President has referred to me your
communication of June 22, 1944, in which you
request a copy of his message of June 13 to Congress.

I am pleased to enclose with this letter
the copy you desire.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Herman O. Duncan,
Dix, Illinois.

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War Refugee Bd Dix, Illinois, ~~Dix, Illinois.~~ June 22, 1944

Please send me a copy of the President's message to Congress on refugees, June 12.

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
FOR CONSIDERATION

Sincerely,

William T. Barrett

Herman O. Duncan
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Will you also send me the basic data upon which the accusations in the message are grounded?

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