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In reply please  
refer to: 613

My dear Senator:

The Secretary of State has referred to me your letter of April 14, 1944, together with a letter addressed to you on March 29, 1944, by Mr. Stanley Evans of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In accordance with your request, I am returning Mr. Evans' letter, together with a copy of our reply to him.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Honorable Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.,

United States Senate.

Enclosures.

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In reply please  
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Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of March 29, 1944, to Senator La Follette, concerning refugees, has been referred to me.

The figure mentioned in your letter as representing the number of Jewish refugees admitted to this country apparently refers to the approximate total number of visas issued by the Department of State under the quota system over a ten-year period to persons in what are now enemy or enemy-occupied countries. In this connection, I suggest that you make inquiry of the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for more exact figures regarding the number of persons admitted to this country during the period in which you are interested.

There are enclosed for your information copies of the Executive Order of January 22, 1944, establishing the War Refugee Board, the White House Press Release of the same date, and the Statement on Nazi Atrocities issued by the President on March 24, 1944. The Order declares it to be the policy of this Government to take all possible measures for the rescue and relief of the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death. In the Statement of March 24th, the President has called upon all freedom-loving people to rally to this righteous undertaking in the name of justice and humanity. The Board is doing everything in its power to achieve the humanitarian objectives for which it was created.

Your interest in this problem is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Stanley Evans,  
207 East Michigan Street,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : War Refugee Board - Treasury Department DATE: April 29, 1944  
FROM : WRB - State Department  
SUBJECT:

Herewith is a communication which we believe the War  
Refugee Board will wish to answer.

**Enclosures:**

1. From Senator LaFollette, Jr.,  
April 14, 1944.
2. From Mr. Stanley Evans,  
March 29, 1944.
3. To Senator LaFollette, Jr.

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My dear Senator LaFollette:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 14 transmitting an inquiry from Stanley Evans of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, concerning the acceptance of refugees by the United States.

I am requesting the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board to communicate direct with you regarding the matter.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable

Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.,  
United States Senate.

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Hon. Cordell Hull  
Secretary of State



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The communication attached deals with a matter of concern to your office.

It would be very helpful if you would have someone on your staff reply directly to this person.

Kindly return the attached papers to me with a copy of the reply made.

Respectfully, *and*

*Robert La Follette*

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STANLEY EVANS  
207 East Michigan Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 29, 1944

Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.  
The United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

It seems to me that there is quite a disturbance through the East and in various other parts of the country about the refugees from Europe. I believe the President is on record as saying that we should take care of as many of these people as we possibly can.

The last record that I had from the State Department was that a year ago we accepted something like 600,000 Jewish refugees alone, whereas England had accepted something like 100,000. In other words, while the United States is only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  times larger than England, still we had accepted six times the responsibility.

The point I am getting at is merely this: With postwar facing us even now and serious unemployment, why should we go out of our way to accept more of these refugees to this country who will undoubtedly be a considerable factor in the unemployment problem?

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Stanley Evans

Stanley Evans

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