

FEDERATION OF Bessarabian Societies of America

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Dear Mr. Serwitz:

Your letter of January 26, 1944, to President Roosevelt concerning the new War Refugee Board has been referred to this office.

The interest of your organization in the President's new program of help to the persecuted minorities of Europe is deeply appreciated. I assure you that everything in our power will be done to see that effective action is taken to carry out the policy of this Government to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Your offer of the assistance of your organization is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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Acting Executive Director

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President Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

In the name of 100,000 Jewish citizens of Bessarabian extraction in the United States and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Bessarabian Societies of America, we wish to express our profound appreciation and thanks for the humane and all-important act on your part of appointing a Commission, consisting of members of your Cabinet, for the purpose of rescuing all refugees from Nazi-controlled Europe, among them the most unfortunate - our Jewish Brethren.

The formation of such a Committee and the broad scope given them is in line with the best American traditions and consistent with the policies of your Administration.

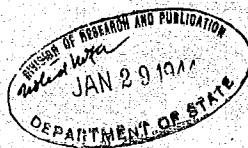
Our Federation promises to dedicate itself, whenever and in whatever manner it will be called upon, to assist.

The results achieved by this Committee will undoubtedly be recorded as one of the great Humanitarian chapters in the history of the United States.

Signed

*Sol Serwitz*  
Sol Serwitz, President

*Harry Silberman*  
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