

Forest Hills Civic Association, Inc.

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In reply please  
refer to: 563

My dear Mr. Barry:

The Secretary of State has referred to me your letter of March 23, 1944, with a letter of January 28, 1944, addressed to you by Mr. Richard A. Fiesel, President of the Forest Hills Civic Association, Inc., Forest Hills, New York, requesting information concerning the War Refugee Board.

The duties and authority of the Board are defined in Executive Order No. 9417 of January 22, 1944, which declares it to be the policy of this Government to take all measures within its power to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford such victims all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

~~While the Board is making every effort to achieve the great humanitarian objectives for which it was created and is exploring various means for the solution of the problems with which it is faced, no decision has yet been reached as to whether the programs developed by the Board shall include a project for temporary care of refugees in the United States. The question of admitting refugees on permanent basis is of course, subject to existing immigration laws, the administration of which is set within the jurisdiction of the Navy.~~

I am returning herewith Mr. Fiesel's letter. There are also enclosed copies of Executive Order No. 9417, establishing the Board, the White House Press Release of the same date, the State-ment on Nazi Atrocities issued by the President on March 24, 1944, ~~and the War Relocation Authority through which you may wish to forward to Mr. Fiesel.~~

*Original signed by J.W. Pehle*

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Honorable William M. Barry,  
House of Representatives.

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TO : WAR REFUGEE BOARD - MR. PEHLE  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
FROM : WRB-STATE DEPT.- MR. WARREN

DATE: April 17, 1944

SUBJECT:

Attached is a letter from Congressman Barry dated March 23, from the Forest Hills Civic Association, regarding an inquiry for information concerning the War Refugee Board.

Also attached is a copy of an acknowledgment written to Congressman Barry by the Secretary of State.

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Attachments:

- 1- From Congressman Barry, dated March 23, 1944
- 2- To Congressman Barry

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My dear Mr. Barry:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 23 transmitting an inquiry from Richard A. Fiesel, President of the Forest Hills Civic Association of Forest Hills, New York, for information concerning the War Refugee Board.

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

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable  
William B. Barry,  
House of Representatives.

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March 23, 1944

Secretary of State PM 12 58  
State Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in the matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

1327 Home Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

Reply in duplicate

Very truly yours,

*Wm. B. Maury*  
M. C.

*N. Y.* District.

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(Original letter returned  
to Representative Barry)

LETTER NO. 564

THE FOREST HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Forest Hills, N. Y.

January 28th  
1944

Hon. William B. Barry  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Our Association requests me to write you  
for any information you may feel at liberty to give  
regarding the committee recently appointed by  
President F. D. Roosevelt and headed by Secretary  
of State Cordell Hull.

We suspect the purpose of this committee is to  
ease the way toward free entry of refugees into the  
United States of America and/or entanglements in  
undesirable and dangerous foreign involvements.

We would also appreciate a copy of the Gillette-  
Baldwin-Rogers resolution which aims to create a  
special commission for the rescue of Jewish people in  
Nazi-occupied Europe.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) Richard A. Fiesel

Richard A. Fiesel, Pres.  
67-124 Glude Street  
Forest Hills, L. I.  
New York

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