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Dear Mr. Frank:

I have gone through the War Refugee Board's records in an attempt to give you some additional material on the Board's activities for your speech in New York. As we indicated last week, there is very little more that can now be told.

The food parcel program, mentioned in Mr. Pehle's speech of October 15, will be expanded. But in the interests of continuing the program more than that cannot be said.

Evacuations from Bulgaria through Turkey to Palestine continue. WFB representative Katzki is on the job in Turkey carrying on the work begun by Mr. Hirschmann.

Rescue and relief operations are being conducted in Norway from Sweden, and other rescue and relief operations are being conducted in behalf of Jews remaining in the Baltic States.

The Board has developed special procedures to benefit persons in enemy territory for whom U. S. immigration visas were issued or authorized after July 1, 1941, or who are eligible as close relatives of American citizens or resident aliens for non-quota or preference quota visas. A program for protection of Jews holding Latin-American passports is being carried out.

The program of psychological warfare continues with the help of OWI. Secretary Hull's statement of October 10 and Governor Dewey's statement on Nazi atrocities were widely publicized overseas. Also widely publicized overseas was General Eisenhower's warning of November 7, urging Germans not to obey orders to molest, harm or persecute men in concentration camps or forced labor battalions. The German atrocity stories dealing with conditions in Auschwitz and Birkenau have been widely disseminated.

The Board is working through diplomatic channels to get Sephardic Jews with Spanish passports out of Bergen-Belsen.

The facilitation of rescue programs of various private agencies continues.

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With representative Foswell McClelland, is working desperately in Switzerland to save the remaining Jews in Europe. Most of the Board's efforts are being concentrated in Switzerland now, since that is the one place a job can be done.

Sincerely yours,

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