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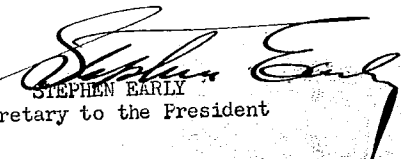
February 5, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE JOHN W. PEHLE,
Acting Executive Director,
War Refugee Board:

I am sending you herewith copies of
correspondence I have had with Stephen H. Fritchman,
Editor, the CHRISTIAN REGISTER, under dates of Jan-
uary twenty-sixth and February second.

Mr. Fritchman tells me that Dr. Charles
P. Joy, Director of the Unitarian Service Committee,
is eager to be "of practical assistance" in the
work of the War Refugee Board. As you will note
in my letter of February second, I suggested that
Dr. Joy see the Secretary of the Treasury and of-
fered my assistance in arranging the appointment.

However, since you have been named the
Acting Executive Director of the Board, I think
it proper that this request for an interview be
given to you. If you find it convenient to see
Dr. Joy, please advise me and I shall be glad to
notify him.


STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President

P. S. I have just received a telegram from Dr. Joy
which reads in part: "I would greatly appreciate your
arranging interviewsany time next week after
Monday. I will telephone you early Tuesday morning."

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February 2, 1944

Dear Mr. Fritchman:

I am glad that you introduced yourself to me at the conclusion of the President's conference yesterday with the Press and Radio representatives. And I was very happy to introduce you to the President. My only regret was that your visit was so brief.

The new War Refugee Board, recently appointed by the President, has not yet been wholly organized. It is now in the process of organization and we hope that it will soon be ready to go to work.

I would suggest that Dr. Charles R. Joy, if he is anxious for a quick interview on the War Refugee problem, might see the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. I don't mind telling you that he was one of the principal leaders -- really, one of the originators of the present plan. He is thoroughly informed and I think that an interview with him might be helpful.

If I can assist you, in the event that Dr. Joy would like to see the Secretary of the Treasury, please let me know.

Kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President

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OF THE EDITOR

January 26, 1944

Mr. Stephen Early
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Early:

I plan to be in Washington Tuesday, February first, and will use the letter you sent me for admittance to the President's press conference at four o'clock that day.

I understand from Dr. William Emerson, chairman of the Unitarian Service Committee, that Mrs. La Rue Brown of Boston, who was recently a White House guest, talked to the President about the work of the Unitarian Service Committee and that he was deeply interested in it. Dr. Charles R. Joy, the director of the Unitarian Service Committee, wished me to suggest the possibility of a brief interview with the President on the matter of the new War Refugee Board and any possible Unitarian Service Committee cooperation. The Unitarian Service Committee feels the President's new Board is of the utmost importance and is eager to be of practical assistance.

I shall hold my own schedule open for any such interview if it is practical. Any reply to this letter should be sent to me care of Rev. W. Ellis Davies, 395 Riverside Drive, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Stephen H. Fritchman

STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN, Editor

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