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Dear Captain Gerberg:

Your letter of January 29, 1944, to Secretary
Hull, concerning the establishment of the War Refugee
Board, has been referred to me.

Your interest in the work of the Board is
greatly appreciated. I assure you that everything in
our power will be done to rescue and save the victims of
enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

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Mr. Cordell Hull
State Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As an American officer and as a Jew, who has spent months, away from his wife and children, in Africa for nearly four years, I want to express to you my pleasure at the news that you are heading the Committee recently appointed to rescue the persecuted minorities from their Nazi oppressors.

I can assure you that this wonderful news has fired with new enthusiasm my many compatriots in the armed forces here. Their hearts have been heavy because of the sorry plight of their helpless fellow Jews.

I am certain I speak for all of us Jews, as well as for a large number of Gentiles when I tell you that our fervent hope is that you will be able not only to save the Jews and the others, but that you will also be able to use your good offices to the end that our British ally will alter its policy in Palestine, so that the poor wanderers may find a permanent home there in all their pitiful members.

Your success in this endeavor will amply repay us for the pangs of separation from our beloved ones and for the minor inconveniences of military life, for our only aim is to preserve our country and to remember our kin.

Respectfully yours
Israel Herbert
Captain, M. C.

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