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April 28, 1945

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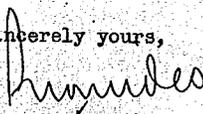
Dear Mr. O'Dwyer:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 26. We deeply appreciate your prompt action in this matter. The condition of the Greek civilians was so tragic that immediate help was of first importance.

We shall endeavor to make arrangements about the clothing kits through the Swiss Red Cross since you do not have supplies in Switzerland.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,



P. T. Nomides
Assistant Director

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PRESIDENT'S WAR RELIEF CONTROL BOARD NO. 280

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For your information, the Board's stocks consist entirely of food parcels.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

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Incidentally, our stockpile contains only food parcels and no clothing or medical parcels. But in view of present circumstances abroad, it is unlikely that medical and clothing parcels could be packed and shipped in sufficient time to hope that they would reach your people in Germany before their liberation. Attached for your information is a copy of the substance of the message that was directed to our representative.

We are happy to be in a position to assist your organization in bringing relief to these Greek patriots, who, like the people of Greece, have suffered much in this fight for freedom.

Very truly yours,

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

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CABLE TO HARRISON AND MCCLELLAND, AMLEGATION, BERN, FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Greek War Relief Association here, upon receipt of a report from M. Melas, Delegation R. Hellnique, 1276/ES/4.a., Geneva, has called the attention of the Board to the plight of 320 Greek civilian nationals who are detained by the German Government. According to our information these people could be reached with supplies by Intercross. Consequently, you are instructed to advise Interross to divert when and where possible from War Refugee Board stocks, parcels in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of these Greek nationals along with the nationals of other United Nations who are in an unassimilated category.

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April 11, 1945

Dear Mr. McCormick:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Miss Arneson of the President's War Relief Control Board.

We have received a request from the President of the Greek Red Cross in London for assistance for Greek civilians interned in Germany. He quotes from the report from M. Melas, Delegation R. Hellenique, 1276/ES/4.a., Geneva, 14th December 1944, in describing the tragic condition of these people. M. Melas states that three food parcels and one parcel of clothing and medicines are required and that the cost would amount to about 16,000 Swiss Francs monthly for the 320 Greeks in Germany.

I discussed this matter with the PWRCB and Miss Arneson informed me that the War Refugee Board has an ample stock of food packages in Switzerland. I am therefore writing you to ascertain whether the requested allotment of 3 food parcels and one parcel of clothing and medicine per month could be distributed to the 320 Greeks interned in Germany. The International Red Cross can supply the information as to where they are located.

I shall appreciate any information you can give me as we are anxious to obtain quick action in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

P. T. Nomides
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Assistant Director

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Mr. Paul J. McCormick
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April 21, 1945

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Following our telephone conversation I was looking forward to receiving from you in writing the facts which you explained with reference to prisoners of war packages which our Association is trying to send to the Greek internees in Germany.

It may be that your organization has additional information about the whereabouts of these internees as prison camps are being taken so rapidly.

We should like to act in this matter as soon as possible and shall be grateful for any information you have.

Sincerely yours,
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Mr. Paul J. McCormick
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July 3, 1944

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July 4, 8 a.m.

FOR ACKERMANN.

Louise Smith, Prudence Drake, Phyllis Keene, bearers United States passports numbers 799695, 799694, 799693, respectively, here enroute Cairo for Greek War Relief. Passports validated for Egypt, Palestine, North Africa and necessary countries enroute and have necessary visas. Have permit to enter military zone from United States military authorities. Need, however, similar permission from inter-Allied Military High Command. French Committee representatives here telegraphed June 27th to French Commissariat Foreign Affairs. No reply yet. Since medical workers needed Near East, request intervention in their behalf competent authorities. Telegraph reply.

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handle this matter
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*Take up Mr Ackermann's
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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Hibbard:

Thank you for your letter of February 15, 1944,
in response to my recent request for suggestions to aid
the War Refugee Board in formulating its programs.

Any suggestions or proposals which you may wish
to offer in the future will be appreciated and will be
carefully considered.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Darrell O. Hibbard,
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February 15, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Acting Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of February 8 requesting information on the activities of the Greek War Relief Association in behalf of refugees has been received. May I give you the following information:

This Association has been interested in Greek refugees who are in camps in the Middle East and have been under the supervision of the Middle East Refugee Relief Authority headquarters in Cairo. The extent of our cooperation in behalf of these people is an offer that we have made to bear a portion of the expense of the camps.

As the UNRRA has recently absorbed the MERRA, the status of our Association in relationship to these refugees is difficult to determine. However, we are distinctly interested in the welfare of the Greeks who have fled from Greece during the current war.

Sincerely yours,
D. O. Hibbard
Darrell O. Hibbard
Executive Vice President

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