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Dear Mr. Herman:

I have your letter of April 23, 1944, in which you indicate your desire to be of assistance in some phase of refugee work.

A number of private organizations are cooperating with the War Refugee Board in the development and execution of programs for the rescue and relief of war refugees. While the Board is not informed as to the need of these organizations for personnel, nor the extent to which they are able to utilize the services of part-time volunteer workers in this country, you may wish to offer your services to one of the agencies named in the enclosed list.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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April 22, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle,  
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My dear Mr. Pehle:

I wish to thank you most sincerely for  
your letter of April 20, 1944.

The plight of the persecuted peoples in  
enemy occupied countries concerns me very deeply.  
Therefore, if there is any organization which is  
engaged in evacuating these people to neutral or  
allied countries, I should like to make some con-  
tribution to their work by volunteering my services  
during my spare time. Any information you are able  
to give me on this subject would be greatly appreci-  
ated.

Thanking you for your courtesy and advice  
I am,

Very truly yours,



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APR 20 1944

Dear Mr. Herman:

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of April 14, 1944, concerning the evacuation of persecuted peoples from enemy-occupied territory.

The interest which you have shown in the refugee problem is appreciated. I assure you that the War Refugee Board is doing everything in its power to provide speedy and effective rescue programs to save the persecuted minorities of Europe.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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 April 14, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle  
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 Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

After the setback of the bill introduced in Congress concerning the evacuation of persecuted Gentiles and Jews from Hitler's hell, and the White Paper in force, may I respectfully suggest the following:

Instead of taking the Jews to Palestine and creating a temporary haven for them until Arab feelings will be stirred up by Fascist agents, (a fact which the British Colonial office and Army chieftains seem to be afraid of) would it not be possible to evacuate them to one of the islands conquered in the meantime by allied troops, let's say Sicily? If, out of the remaining three million Jews, one tenth should be saved, we will consider ourselves lucky.

In a place such as Sicily the Jews and Gentiles can be taught agriculture and trades. After the war is over, they can return to the countries from which they came and, with this knowledge, help to build up again their former homelands.

The funds necessary can easily be obtained by the Jewish World Congress, which is collecting \$100,000,000 for the purpose of saving the remaining Jews. Instead of pumping the money into Palestine, where ill feeling is so easily aroused in the Arabs, the above suggestion would be a way of really saving the persecuted Gentiles and Jews.

Thanking you for giving this idea your kind attention, I remain

Respectfully yours,

*Victor George Herman*  
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