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Dear Mrs. Herold:

Your letter of April 17, 1944, to the Honorable Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., concerning the possibility of bringing Jewish refugees to this country, has been referred to me.

I am enclosing for your information copies of the Executive Order establishing the Board, the White House Press Release of the same date, and the Statement on Nazi Atrocities issued by the President on March 24, 1944.

The duties and authority of the Board are defined in the Order, which declares it to be the policy of this Government to take all measures within its power to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford such victims all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve the great humanitarian objectives for which it was created.

Very truly yours,

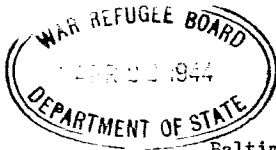
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The Honorable Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Many of the church women of our country feel that they cannot call themselves Christian if they continue to close their eyes to the injustice and suffering and cruelty being heaped upon their Jewish brothers and sisters in Europe. We wish to make known to you our interest in the Jews most especially, because they seem to be the most hated, the most oppressed, the most pitiful sufferers of all the persecuted peoples of Europe.

We are glad that President Roosevelt has set up a War Refugee Board "to take action for the immediate rescue from the Nazis of as many as possible of the persecuted minorities of Europe." But we would like to see this board take prompt action, so that just as many of these refugees as possible may be received into our country quickly, without so much red tape and delay. Surely half a million would not be too many. We believe this can be done if the immigration laws are interpreted and applied in a humane and liberal spirit.

Moreover we ought to give assurance to the neutral countries of Europe receiving these refugees of our financial help as well as our food supplies. Perhaps we are not altogether innocent of the blood of these victims of Nazi hate, if we do not bestir ourselves to save them. So many more will die before we finish deliberating. Let us do something to help them and do it at once.

Respectfully,

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