

HINKLEY, RHODA (MISS)

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In reply please
refer to: 478

APR 24 1944

Dear Miss Hinkley:

The Secretary of State has referred to me a copy of your letter of March 12, 1944, concerning the plight of Polish children.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the President's Executive Order of January 22, 1944, creating the War Refugee Board and defining its duties and authority.

I shall be glad to receive any suggestions which you or Mrs. Ploska may care to offer concerning the Board's rescue and relief programs, and I assure you that any ideas and proposals submitted will receive our prompt and careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Rhoda Hinkley,
Eden Hill,
Poughkeepsie, New York.

Enclosure.

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Miss Hinkley has been informed of this reference.

Enclosure:

From Miss Hinkley,
March 12, 1944.



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MISS RHODA HINKLEY
EDEN HILL, POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

March 12 - 44

Hon. Cordell Hull
State Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Some years ago you were very helpful in getting two fine Polish boys into this country. One of them is at Princeton today and the other in high school. It doesn't seem possible that time has flown so.

Their mother Mrs. Wanda Kurzetkowska worries about Polish children and wonders if they could be sent to a neutral country, such as Sweden. It's unspeakable what has and is being done to them.

I am trusting the Russians will get there and take care of them. However, like a very ill patient in your family if every stone is not stirred and the best doctors gotten then if anything happens you are unhappy about it.

People who study the situation say food is impossible to get into Poland because of crossing so many other countries. I for one believe the Russians will do all in their power (and that's great) to help restore some order and above all help save the children--I may be wrong but I have faith. I am working on Russian War Relief in Poughkeepsie--the family I cite will cement friendship more than anything else--it's a great idea.

If you can correspond on the Polish children-- Mrs. Kurzetkowska Ploska, 122 East 82nd Street, New York 28, New York can give you her ideas.

Cordially,

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