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Mr. Albert Abrahamson, Assistant Executive Director
President's War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your prompt and cordial cooperation in requesting Mr. Pehle to accept the St. Louis invitation for their annual meeting. I have the copies of your letter to Sam Gerson, of St. Louis, which you were good enough to send me. You must recall my old-maidenish way of "completing the files".

It has been a hell of a while since we have been together and I hope that when you are again in New York you will find time to tell me everything.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Isidor Coons

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Dear Mr. Gerson:

I have extended to Mr. Pehle the contents of your letter of December 4, 1944, in which you invite him to speak at your Annual Meeting on February 18, 1945.

Mr. Pehle has asked me to thank you for the friendly invitation and to tell you that he regrets that he is unable to accept it.

Cordially yours,

(S) Albert Abrahamson

Albert Abrahamson
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Samuel Gerson,
Executive Director,
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*Original signed
by Mr. Abrahamson*

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December 4, 1944

Dr. Albert Abrahamson,
War Refugee Board,
Executive Office of the President,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Abrahamson:-

The Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Welfare Fund will take place on Sunday, February 18th, at noon, at the Chase Hotel. Our attendance for a meeting of this sort has been averaging around 300 and it is generally made up of the board members of the Federation agencies.

Our group is very much interested in the work Mr. Pehle has been doing in the War Refugee Board and would be very happy to have him as our principal speaker. I am writing direct to you since I do not know Mr. Pehle personally and you know our community, our leaders and our problems.

Would you take it on yourself to invite Mr. Pehle, in our name, to come to St. Louis on February 18th and let me know the results?

Gratefully yours,

Samuel Gerson
Executive Director.

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