Light, Pearl (Rev.)

Huntsville, Ark. 726
Dec. 8, 1944.

Mr. J. R. Pehle

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter. Is there any way in which it can be worked ~~at~~ out to bring those Polish refugees to America They want to come. One little boy clung to my nephew and begged to be allowed to stay with him and come to America

The government could find homes for them here in Arkansas, if they are farming people; small farms right here are lying vacant and on near by Pine creek where there is a game refuge is grazing land for those who would like to raise cattle. There are no large farms; most of the work

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is done by hand. If they want homes in peaceful surroundings among kind people they could live here with, I believe, the minimum cash outlay.

Will you please see if there is a way to bring those people to the United States? I believe we need them and surely women who have been forced to dig here-hes would find it joy to labor to build a home.

Arkansas needs industries so in peace times our men go away to find work.

I can not offer financial help but if there is any thing I can do to help let me know. I did not know to whom I should write but I am thankful Mrs Roosevelt gave my letter to you.

yours in the Lord service

Pearl Light.

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Dear Reverend Light:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to reply to your letter of November 16, 1944, in which you convey the concern of your nephew, Clide R. Bailey, as to the plight of the Polish refugees now in Iran.

The fine spirit that impels you and your nephew to call the plight of these unfortunate people to our attention is deeply appreciated. We know of no current plans to bring these people to the United States.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Reverend Pearl Light,
R. # 3,
Huntsville, Ark.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1944

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Assistant Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

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In answering the enclosed, please say you are doing so at Mrs. Roosevelt's request.

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Ed. Marks

Huntsville Ark.

Nov. 16, 1944.

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Mrs Roosevelt.

Honored Madam.

Our nephew Clide R. Bailey who is stationed with a hospital unit at Arak Iran, wrote us of eight hundred Polish refugees who came thru there

Will they have a chance to come to America?

Dear Madam there is room and land lying idle here in beautiful, healthful Arkansas We would be better off here for the industry and thrift those people could show us Clide wrote of their gratitude for any little act of kindness

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now they have known suffering and hardship (one woman had dug trenches)

They could find peaceful homes here. and kind hearted Christian neighbors.

If some of them or all of them are Jewish people can we not use this opportunity to show them the love of Jesus.

Dear First Lady of our Land will we see if you can help. for my heart is in it. I will do all I can

In His glad service

(Rev.) Pearl Light.
R#3. Huntsville Ark

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