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In reply please
refer to: 1449

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Dear Mr. Linn:

The President has referred to me your letter of June 10, 1944, offering to provide a home and work on your farm for a refugee family.

Your offer is much appreciated, and is genuine evidence of the personal responsibility you feel for sharing the freedoms which we Americans enjoy. I suggest that you write to Mr. Joseph E. Beck, National Refugee Service, 139 Centre Street, New York, New York, who may be in a position to be of assistance to you or to give you information as to the procedure to follow in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Arthur J. Linn,
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HOWARD LODGE FARM
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The White House
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As I do not know the agency that has the refugee situation in hand, this letter is addressed to the White House with the request that your office start it in the right channel.

We read of reports of arriving refugees; the President's interest in their welfare; their desire to make a living; to produce and pay their debt to this country - their adopted home.

Many farmers are probably situated as we are. In our case we have a 430 acre farm, a good five room tenant house vacant, plenty of garden and orchard space and an unlimited supply of fire wood. Some family could have an opportunity to have a good home here as well as an opportunity to make a living as a farmer or gardener.

If the newspapers could carry suggestions that farmers make homes for European refugees I expect that you would uncover many vacancies suitable for homes. It would be mutually helpful if we could make contact with a refugee family with the proper background and a willingness to work and produce as we ourselves are doing.

Very truly yours,

Arthur J. Linn

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