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Dear Mr. Marateck:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 1944, offering a suggestion for raising funds to finance the rescue programs of the War Refugee Board.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the President's Executive Order of January 22, 1944, establishing the Board and outlining its duties and authority. Section 4 authorizes the acceptance of contributions from private persons and organizations, State agencies, or agencies of foreign governments in carrying out the purposes of the Order.

While a lottery for this purpose is not contemplated, your interest in the matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Jacob Marateck,  
835 Beck Street,  
Bronx, New York.

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835 Beck Street  
Bronx, New York  
March 1, 1944

Mr. John H. Pehle, Chairman  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As Chairman of the War Refugee Board, perhaps you would be interested in an idea which I think would be an effective means to help raise money necessary to rescue refugees.

A federally legalized lottery, run by our Government, with tickets obtainable at all Post Offices would, I believe, be an effective means of raising a substantial sum for this worthy cause. Tickets should be sold for a nominal sum, such as \$1 each and prizes could range from \$100. to \$1000. in War Bonds.

If the question of running a lottery is legal, it should be made so if it could save so many human lives.

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob Marateck*  
JACOB MARATECK

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