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Dear Mrs. Pierce:

Your letter of May 2, to the Honorable  
Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., concerning the victims  
of Nazi persecution in Europe, has been referred  
to me.

I assure you that the Board is doing  
everything in its power to provide speedy and  
effective rescue programs to save the persecuted  
minorities of Europe who are in imminent danger  
of death.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

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Executive Director

Mrs. Edith Lovejoy Pierce,  
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Evanston, Illinois.

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TO : War Refugee Board - Treasury - Mr. Pehle DATE: May 9, 1944  
FROM : WRB - State Department - Mr. Warren  
SUBJECT:

Herewith is a letter from Edith Lovejoy Pierce,  
1812 Colfax Street, Evanston, Illinois, dated May 2, 1944,  
which I believe the Board will wish to answer.

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May 2, 1944

The Hon. Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.  
 Department of State  
 Washington, D.C.

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 DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 MAY 6 1944  
 UNDER SECRETARY  
 WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I welcome as a fine step in the right direction the creation of the War Refugee Board, but beg you to take a further step forward by improving the administration of our immigration laws to permit the arrival in fact of the quota number already permitted in theory.

In behalf of the persecuted Jews of Europe, I would have the United States guarantee to neutrals that these exiles will not become a permanent burden upon their already hard pressed economies. In

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this way the small European nations will find it  
possible to give further help to the remaining Jews  
able to escape from Nazi domination. And why should <sup>not</sup>  
at least temporary havens of refuge be created in  
this country? We call ourselves a democracy. Let us  
prove it.

Respectfully yours,

Edith Lovejoy Pierce

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