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Mr. Berle
J. W. Peble

Attached is a copy of a letter from The Queen
Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., dated July 19, 1944. I would ap-
preciate the early receipt of any views that you may have
as to the feasibility of complying with the suggestion
therein made.

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Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
July 19, 1944.

We are asking the Department of State to consider
the feasibility of the suggestion therein made.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Mr. Victor H. Seales, General Manager,
The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.,
500 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 16, New York.

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July 19, 1944

Mr. J.W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Your letter of 8 February 1944 requesting information as to how the War Refugee Board could be of assistance to Netherlands victims of enemy persecution in Europe has had our serious consideration. Both the Netherlands Government and this agency are deeply appreciative of your interest.

After consultation with the Netherlands Government, we learn that provisions already have been made to care for 300 Netherlands refugees in Sweden, 1,200 in Switzerland, 15 in Portugal, and 60 in Spain.

There are larger numbers of Netherlands refugees in Belgium and in France, and it is believed possible that a few hundred of the Netherlands refugees in France could be evacuated.

This desired end has not been accomplished because of the restricted accommodations for refugees in Curacao and Surinam and the limitation on the number which could be admitted to the United Kingdom. Your Board can, consequently, be of substantial aid in making available approximately 300 visas for temporary admission to the United States, thus affording temporary haven for Netherlanders who have means of escaping from France.

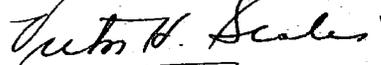
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It is hoped that your Board will give serious and favorable consideration to this proposal. Should you desire additional and detailed information, it should be forthcoming from or through Dr. H.N. Boon, First Secretary, Netherlands Embassy, Washington, 9, D.C.

Thanking you again, we are

Very truly yours,



~~Victor H. Scales~~
General Manager

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cc: Mr. van der Houde
Dr. Boon

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