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Dear Miss McDowell:

Your letter of January 26, 1944, to the President, urging the creation of a commission to save the Jews of Europe from extinction, has been referred to this office.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of Executive Order No. 9417, issued by the President on January 22, 1944, creating the War Refugee Board, consisting of the Secretaries of State, Treasury, and War, and outlining the Board's duties and authority. The policy of this Government, with respect to the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, is stated in the Preamble.

I assure you that everything in our power will be done to provide speedy and effective programs to fit the urgency of the problems with which the Board is concerned.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Acting Executive Director

Miss Mary S. McDowell,  
Chairman,  
The Religious Society of Friends,  
221 East 15th Street,  
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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The President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Secretary to the President

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Very sincerely yours,

In behalf of the Committee,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
JAN 20 1944  
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Mary S. M<sup>c</sup> Dowell  
Chairman

[Signature]  
Secretary

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