

Requests for Specific Aid: Bamberger, Curt (DR.)

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Dear Dr. Bamberger:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 21, 1944.

The Board's special program with respect to the spouses, minor children and parents of American citizens and the wives and minor children of resident aliens is based upon the statutes pertaining to the issuance of non-quota and preference visas. The Board can not, of course, alter the statutes, and for that reason can not enlarge the categories of persons to which the program is applicable. I regret, therefore, that it is impossible to comply with your request.

You can be assured, however, that the Board has been doing and will continue to do everything within its power, consistent with the successful prosecution of the war, to aid the victims of enemy persecution. We sincerely hope that our efforts have been of some assistance to your father-in-law.

I am returning herewith the enclosures transmitted with your letter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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Enclosures

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Dr. Curt Bamberger
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Nov. 21, 1944

Mr. Pehle
President
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed I send you form 575 duly filled by my wife, Mrs. Alice E. Bamberger for use in connection with the issuance of an Immigration visa to her father, Bernhard Gutmann, 75 years old.

Being in this country only a little more than three years, I would like to petition that an exception would be made for the issuance of an immigration visa

for my father-in-law with regard to the fact, that I am not yet a citizen but that I did my best for the war effort as explained below and through the enclosures, and that therefore I petition to be treated in this special case like a citizen of the United States.

1. Immigration in the USA on the basis of a special permit of the Department of Justice as a specialist (Dyestuff-chemist.) German Quota 6(a)(3) Immigration Visa No. 1730 dated May 1, 1941 by Myles Standish, American Vice Consul in Marseille, France. Declaration of Intention: No. 64018 of Dec. 11, 1941, Buffalo, NY.

2. Improvements in the manufacture of "Defense Colors" (especially for dyeing uniforms) during my employment with the National Aniline Division of Allied Chemical and Dyes Corp. in Buffalo, N.Y. These improvements resulted in more than doubling the productive capacity for some very important vat colors (Khaki, Olive), so enabling this company to increase their deliveries to the armed forces to a large extent. (Reference: Mr. Ralph, Research Manager, National Aniline Division, 40 Hector Street, New York, N.Y.)

3. Collaboration with the National Inventors Council. See enclosed three photostatic copies.

4. Acknowledgement by Mr. Donald Nelson of the War Production Board for submitting an interesting plan. See enclosed photostatic copy.

5. Acknowledgement by the Office of Strategic Services, 1600 Broadway, N.Y. N.Y. for collaboration by lending photographs of Morocco before the invasion of North Africa. See enclosed photostatic copy.

6. Acknowledgement by Lt. Colonel Edward L. Barlow of the War Department for cooperation by giving information. See enclosed photostatic copy.

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Dr. Bamberger

Nov. 21, 1944

With regard to these efforts to work for the country like a U.S. citizen, I would like to petition, that an immigration visa would be granted to my old father-in-law, so that after his experiences in Nazi Germany he might spend the rest of his life in this wonderful country with his children in peace.

At the same time I would like you to consider the following facts:

- a) that we have no near relatives in this country at all.
- b) that my mother and two sisters died in Poland after their deportation there by the Nazis.
- c) that I went in 1940/41 through different internment camps in France (St. Cyrthen, Gurs, Les Milles) and even together with my wife and my two little daughters in Morocco (Sidi-el-Ayashi).

Hoping to get a favorable reply, I am

Respectfully yours,



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