

Requests for Specific Aid: BARNWELL, ARTHUR (Mrs.)

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In reply please
refer to: 3049

AUG 3 1944

My dear Madame Secretary:

I have your letter of July 18, 1944, enclosing a letter from Mrs. Arthur Barnwell, in which she requests assistance in locating and bringing to the United States a Jewish girl in whom she is interested.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of my letter to Mrs. Barnwell, which is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable Frances Perkins,
Secretary of Labor.

Enclosure.

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In reply please
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AUG 3 1944

Dear Mrs. Barnwell:

Secretary Perkins has referred to me your letter of July 12, 1944, in which you request assistance in locating and bringing to the United States a Jewish girl whom you befriended in Poland.

Your appeal for assistance in rescuing your protege from the Nazis meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I am sure you will understand, however, that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing specific individuals. We are, of course, doing everything in our power to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

I am enclosing a list of private organizations which I am advised may be in a position to be of some help to you in this matter, and suggest that you refer your problem to any one of them.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Arthur Barnwell,
Lahoska,
Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1944

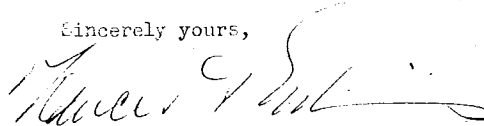
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Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I am sending you a letter I have received from Mrs. Arthur Burnwell with the thought that perhaps you may be able to advise her how to proceed, if possible, in assisting the Polish war refugee in whom she is interested.

Sincerely yours,



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Lahaska —
Bucks Co. Pa

July 12-44

Frances Perkins -

Dear Mrs Perkins -

I called at
your office a couple
of years ago with a
letter of introduction
from Lucy Haynes Drury
Mrs Will Drury -
You were unable to

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2) receive me - But this
will introduce me I am
sure now and much for
who I am - This is to ask
your aid in tracing the
whereabouts of a little
Jewish girl I befriended
after war started in Poland
also to ask if you will see
to it that an explanation
is given why I was refused
to bring her with me to the
U.S.A. The Spanish author-
ities assured me that if
the acting officials on the
frontier for the U.S.A Gov
would sign a slip saying
that I am an American
citizen, and that the child

to be written
re: 6) of the
"The
his
not"

4) was in my care
they let her pass.
But a man called
Gilbert who is still
in our Consular
service in Spain
talked my very
chance to save this
little girl - It is
my opinion he was
working at the order

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after was
also to ask if
to it that an
is given why
to bring her
U.S.A. The
ties assum
the acting
frontier
would be
that ? a

4) in which such
time he was recalled.
He told me on arrival
here that the affidavit
sent to Bordeaux to U.S.A.
consulate ^{Miss} was turned
down because they
said for excuse that
her uncle (here in U.S.A.)
who signed it was a

5) of the Nazis — ~~citizen~~
He said "my his dead
body she'd get out."
Considering he never
saw the girl before
in his life this was
a very harsh statement
Ray Mc Williams of
Beverly (as the time)
took care of her for

27) Jew said that he sang
in the synagog in Baltimore
as he has his children of
his own they didn't think
he could support her -

I had explained quite
clearly that I'd support
her - Her family were out-
standing Jewish people in
Warsaw - But no doubt
have been wiped out by now.
She if alive still is all
alone in Europe - how she
must be 25 yrs old - I
left on the Manhattan in
July 1940 - she was 22 then -
she did a play in Cannes
to aid refugee children in

19) with him while
she was with this
children Hitler - it is
not
of
stake

27) I am sure that
in the 51 days
he has
was
could
nd
explained
that
Her family
standing Jewish people
have been wiped out by
she if alive still is all
alone in Europe. Now she
must be 25 yrs old - I
left on the Manhattan in
July 1940 - she was 22 then
we did a play in Cannes
and refugee child

8) which is a sketch
she made for of
Hitler - It no doubt
was reported and
this is why she was
refused chance to
leave and this man
Gilbert steered it
on the Nazi
He should be made
give an explanation

19) Last place she was known to be in was -

Halika (Helene) Kostlowicz
28 Rue Lapite
St Jean de Luz -
B. M. France

Will you do what you can to trace this girl for me - Mr James who is acting for Red Cross in Zurich - Swiss knows her from Cannes personally as I worked in the ambulance corps

ad -
at that time
Philippines
The South
in the

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m & h

tea (Helene)
if
of Jean de

W. M.

Will you do what
you can to trace
girl for me - Mr J.
who is acting for Red
Cross in Zurich - Swiss
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personally as I worked
in the ambulance corps

if that is the girl
would go to South
America or Phillipines
they ^{would} get her in here -
well if she was
able to do either
she'd have no need
for aid from Red
Cross - when I had
Mr Endleman as

will
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Consulate at
Madrid -

Mr Roy Mc Williams
can give more data
on this case - He is
) teleing now in
Chicago -

Sincerely
Mary Barnwell
Mrs Arthur Barnwell

D.S.

Col Monroe Johnson
director, office of
Defense Transportation
in Washington -
is married to a
cousin of my
husband. He tried
to get the child

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group
nice
me to the
through the
in Baltimore
his name but he
at the sewage
signed the affidavit
that - has turned
not knows what
happened to her
That man Gilbert is
responsible for her
it is still

sent up from
to France to
Americans to

out of France
for me - I
him from there
before the invasion
of the Germans -
but it was as
before batted by
Gilbert who was

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That means! He
is still
and know
that means!
That means!
That means!
That means!

out of France
in me - I want
him from there
before the invasion
of the Germans -
but it was as
before halted by
Gilbert who was

sent up from Madrid
to France to aid
Americans to leave -

M. B.

What reason did Gilbert
have and who authorized
him? The girl was a mere child -