

Requests for Specific AID: BASS, JOHN

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Dear Mr. Bass:

I have your letter of March 23, 1945, inquiring as to the steps necessary to have your two sisters, who are interned at Theresienstadt, included in an American-German exchange.

This Government has developed and is energetically pursuing broad measures for effecting the rescue of persons who are the victims of enemy persecution and for affording such persons all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war. While it does not appear that your sisters are included in a category of persons whose eligibility for exchange is established, please be assured that we are doing and will continue to do everything in our power to protect and benefit such internees. Although there is no specific action which the Board can take in behalf of your sisters, I sincerely hope they will benefit from the general programs in which we are actively engaged.

Very truly yours,

William O'Dwyer

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Dear Mr. Bass:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of March 23 concerning your two sisters who are interned in Theresienstadt.

The War Refugee Board has arranged for the distribution of food parcels to internees in this camp as well as other detention camps in German-controlled territory through International Red Cross. Some plans are under way for evacuation of internees to Switzerland and thence to UNRRA camps. We are, of course, unable to amplify these programs for the present.

You may be certain that the Government is taking and will continue to take all possible steps to safeguard the lives of persons detained by the enemy.

Very truly yours,

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SUBJECT:

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Gentlemen:

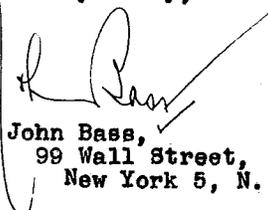
I have two sisters who, according to the latest information I received, are interned in Theresienstadt, Czechoslovakia, and of course I am very much concerned about getting them out.

I recently heard that the War Refugee Board may be able to assist some of these internees in connection with an exchange of German prisoners in this country, and I would appreciate it if you would kindly give me some information in this respect.

If this should be impossible, then I would appreciate it if you would kindly advise me as to what I could do in order to help them.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I remain

Yours very truly,


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