

Requests for Specific Aid: BECLA, BESSIE L.

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In reply please
refer to: 3126

AUG 12 1944

Dear Mrs. Berla:

The President has referred to me your recent letter concerning certain members of your family in Hungary.

The War Refugee Board is currently making every effort to rescue the persecuted minorities of Hungary. After a careful analysis of the complex factors involved, it has decided that the only practicable and remotely promising approaches are those devoted to the entire group rather than to individual cases.

We assure you, however, that the Board will continue its efforts, and we sincerely hope that among those spared will be those in whom you are interested.

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.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Bessie L. Berla,
1310 St. Johns Place,
Brooklyn, New York.

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Forgive me for taking
the liberty in troubling you with
my ~~letter~~ your the only one
that can help me. First God
than you.

I am born in Cleveland Ohio
the U. S. a. My parents left at
the time we were all infants.
I do come back to the U. S. a.
1940. I left my sisters there in
Budapest Hungary their names
are Jetty Labavitz and Helen
and Jetty Labavitz Szabo have
2 children 16 year old boy and a
15 year old girl.

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Please have mercy on my
family I beg of you to do
something so their lives could
be saved till after the war.

I'm willing to give my
whole possession to help. Please
dear President, don't throw
away my letter, I beg of you,
I'm hoping you will do somet-
hing to save their lives I am
thanking you in the hope
that you will help.

May God bless you
for it.

Bessie L. Berla
1310 St Johns Place
Brooklyn N.Y.

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The enclosed communication
from

Bessie L. Berla
1310 St. Johns Place
Brooklyn, New York

is respectfully referred for
such action as may seem appropri-
ate to the

War Refugee Board



and the writer not so informed.

Richard W. Morin
Richard W. Morin
~~Acting~~ Chief, Division of
Public Liaison

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