Requests for Specific Aid: Bexley, Bessie L.
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.

I 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. Dassie L. Berla,
1310 St. Johns Place,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosure.
For I have for taking the liberty in troubling you with my affairs. I am the only one that can help me now. God bless you.

I am born in Cleveland, Ohio. My parents left at the time we were all infants. I have come back to the U.S.A. in 1940. I left my sisters there: one is in Budapest, Hungary, her name is Jetty Labanty and Helen and Jetty Labanty. Labo have 2 children: 16 year old boy and a 15 year old girl.
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 something to save their lives. I am thanking you in the hope that you will help.

May God bless you for it.

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The enclosed communication from

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is respectfully referred for such action as may seem appropriate to the

War Refugee Board

and the writer not so informed.

[Signature]

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