

Requests for Specific Aid: BLECHER, MAX (JR.)

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Dear Mr. Blecher:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 31, 1944.

The Board was established solely for the purpose of rendering aid to victims of enemy persecution in imminent danger of death. Since Mmes. Suchestow and Brandel are within that portion of France which has been liberated from the enemy, I regret that the Board cannot be of any assistance to them. I assume that the State Department has informed you that just as soon as American Consular offices are re-established in France it will be possible for them to apply for immigration visas.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

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SIDNEY ROTH

October 31, 1944

War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: Adele Suchestow, Ella Suchestow
and Lotte Brandel - all Polish Citizens
Presently in Camp Vitel

Gentlemen:

We have recently received a communication from London, indicating that the above individuals are still in Camp Vitel in France. They ask us to do everything possible to arrange for their immigration to the United States and to post some sort of guarantee which we do not understand. We quote from this communication as follows:-

"Suchestow - Brandel are quite all right. Please do everything you can to arrange a guarantee from Doris, or otherwise they will not be able to leave the camp. This person, Mr. S. didn't know our people personally before and he took this message in a great hurry so he writes me that he unfortunately cannot explain exactly what this guarantee means. All he knows is that internees have to remain there till they can produce evidence of a place to go in France, England or America. That's what he understands "under guarantee". He goes on:- "Conditions in Vitel will worsen as winter comes, so I feel sure that you will do what you can. I was asked to tell you that it is a matter of extreme urgency."

The undersigned has consulted with the State Department but they did not seem to know of anything that can be done. For your further information, there is in the United States Mrs. Doris Planner, who is the daughter of Adele Suchestow and the sister of Ella Suchestow and Lotte Brandel. Mrs. Planner is here for permanent residence and expects to become an American Citizen.

In view of the urgency in this matter, we would appreciate it if you would advise us what can be done in this matter.

Very truly yours,



MAX BLECHER, Jr.

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In reply please
refer to: 3334

SEP 22 1944

Dear Mr. Blecher:

I have your letter of September 13, 1944,
seeking assistance for Dr. Dante Almansi in leaving
Italy for some neutral country.

The activities of the War Refugee Board
are directed to the rescue of victims of enemy perse-
cution from enemy territory, and its functions do not
extend to the type of problem presented in this instance.

It is regretted that we are not in a position
to be of assistance in this case. However, it is possi-
ble that a private organization may be able to be of
some help, and I suggest that you refer the problem to
any one of the agencies named in the enclosed list.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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Enclosure.

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September 13, 1944

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

Re: Dr. Dante Almansi born Sept. 15, 1877
 Ada Almanski born May 8th, 1883
 Residing at Parma, Italy

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The above Dr. Dante Almansi was the head of the Jewish Committee of all Italy and in fact he was also the Mayor of Naples from 1930 until 1933 and the Chief of Finance, Minister's Cabinet of Rome. As such, he was one of the outstanding Jewish characters in that country. Recently we have received a letter from Italy which indicates that Dr. Almansi is in serious danger of losing one of his legs. His doctors have indicated that he must remain in bed for many months, especially in view of the fact that his heart is in very poor condition. A great deal of this, of course, is due to mal-nutrition because of the lack of food. His wife, Ada Almansi is also in very poor physical condition. They write us that in view of the inflation, they are unable to purchase food or medicines even though they were in fairly good financial position.

Their son here, Dr. Renato J. Almansi, has been permitted to send them \$500 per month, but he does know that these funds will not assist, even in short measure to alleviate the sufferings of his parents. In view of the fact that the undersigned feels that it is absolutely necessary to preserve the life of an individual of this type, we wonder whether or not you can advise us as to what can be done to remove the individuals from Italy to perhaps some neutral country. We, of course, would be only too happy to pay any expenses necessary in this matter. If necessary the undersigned will be happy to come to your office to discuss this matter personally.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

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September 9, 1944

*I was ~~sent~~
before 7/1/41*

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In reply to your letter of September 1, 1944, and pursuant to our letter to you of September 5th, we herewith give you the additional information which you requested.

Please be advised that Elek Lichtig was born November 12, 1905 in Eperjes, Czechoslovakia. His wife, Ilma Lichtig, was born February 22, 1908 in Radvancz, Czechoslovakia, and their daughter, Eva Adrienne Lichtig, was born November 10, 1941 in Budapest, Hungary.

The above individuals received their visas in Budapest on April 16, 1941. The child was not born at that time. The sponsors were Bertha Lindenbaum and Romeo Lindenbaum, Los Angeles, California. Their last address known was Harmincad, Ucca #3, Budapest, Hungary.

We trust that the above information will enable you to assist in the rescue of these persons. If there is any other information you desire, please advise.

Very truly yours,

Max Blecher

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September 1, 1944

Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Att: Mr. J. W. Pehle

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In regard to your letter of September
1st, we herewith give you the information which you desire:

1. Flora Rawitscher, born July 20, 1887 in Schweidnitz,
Germany.
Martog Hollander, born April 3, 1914 in Zurich,
Switzerland.
Advisory approval granted on or about November, 1941.
Sponsors - Henry J. Rawitscher, Hotel Paris, 97th &
West End Ave., N.Y. C. and Benjamin Rosenbaum

We appreciate your interest in this matter
and will give you further information in the next few days
regarding the data desired in the case of Lichtig.

We wish to advise you further that Martog
Hollander is the daughter of Flora Rawitscher. Mrs. Hollander
also had with her her son Ivan Hollander, who should be about
5 years old now.

Very truly yours,



MAX BLECHER, Jr.

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SEP 1 1944

Dear Mr. Blecher:

Reference is made to your four letters dated August 22, 1944. It may facilitate the Board's efforts to assist in the rescue of the persons named therein if you will inform us of the places and dates of birth of such persons, the names and addresses of the sponsors for each of them, and, in the cases of Lichtig, Sawitscher, and Hollander, the exact dates on which the advisory approvals were granted.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive DirectorMax Blecher, Jr., Esq.
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New York 18, New York

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SIDNEY ROTH

August 22, 1944

War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: Elek, Ilma and Eva Lichtig
Harmingad Ucca, Budapest, Hungary

Gentlemen:

Sometime in 1941 advisory approval was
issued by the State Department to Hungary for the above
individuals.

We understand that there may be some arrange-
ments for the relief and rescue of persons such as the above.
If and when such possibilities exist, we would appreciate it,
if you would keep these people in mind.

Thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,



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August 22, 1944

War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: Flora Rawitscher
Margot Hollander
Ivan Hollander

Residence
Magyar Ucca 1,
Gzabadka, Hungary


Gentlemen:

On or about November, 1941 advisory approval was sent by the State Department to Hungary for the above individuals.

We understand that there may be some arrangements for the relief and rescue of persons such as the above. If and when such possibilities exist, we would appreciate it, if you would keep these people in mind.

Thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,



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August 22, 1944

War Refugee Service
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

Re: Emily Loeb
Fritz Loeb
Rudolf Loeb

Residence
c/o Mr. Longville
8 Rue du Palais,
Carcassonne s/Aude, South
France

Gentlemen:

On October 30th, 1942 advisory approval
was sent by the Department of State to Southern France
for the above individuals.

We understand that there may be some arrange-
ments for the relief and rescue of persons such as the above.
If and when such possibilities exist, we would appreciate it,
if you would keep these people in mind.

Very truly yours,

Max Blecher, Jr.

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SIDNEY ROTH

Mr. R. B. ...
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Re: Max Blecher, Jr.
11/10/44

August 22, 1944

War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

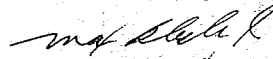
Re: Dr. Max and Alice Lissner
Fanny Lissner ✓ - 73 yrs. old
Theresienstadt QU-504

Gentlemen:

Dr. Max and Alice Lissner received their Cuban visas in 1942 and were also invited to the American Consul to receive their American visas in 1941, as per documents attached. They are now interned at Theresienstadt QU-504 with Dr. Lissner's mother, Fanny Lissner, age 73.

We would appreciate it, if there is anything you can do to assist them to come out of occupied territory.

Very truly yours,



MAX BLECHER, Jr.

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AMERIKANISCHES GENERALKONSULAT
Wien III., Rikthofengasse 9

Wien, am 10. Juni, 1941.

Herrn und Frau Max und Alice Lissner,
I., Tegethoffstrasse 1/4

Bezugnehmend auf Ihr Ansuchen um das Einwanderungsvisum
fuer die Vereinigten Staaten werden Sie aufgefordert mit die-
sem Schreiben, Ihrem Reisepass, (Ihren Reisepässen) und je
RM 23,40

am 3. Juli, 1941,

vormittags zwischen 9 und 11 Uhr bei diesem Generalkonsulat
vorzusprechen, vorausgesetzt dass Sie eine fuer die naechsten drei Monate
gueltige Fixbuchung haben.

Es ist auch eine Gewichtskarte juengsten Datums mit-
zubringen.



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Vorseitige Photokopie stimmt mit der mir vorgelesenen,
auf einem halben Bogen aufgenähten und mit dem Siegel
des Amerikanischen Generalkonsulates in Wien versehenen
Zuschrift vollständig überein. -----

Wien, am ersten Juli einundachtzig-
hunderteinundvierzig
Geb. III - 47



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JUL 22 1944

Dear Mr. Blecher:

I have your letter of July 11, 1944, enclosing a copy of a proposed cable to Ambassador Murphy listing the names and addresses of persons whom you desire to have included in the group of approximately 1,000 refugees being brought from Southern Italy to the Emergency Refugee Shelter recently established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

I am sure you will understand that the urgency of this task and the speed with which it had to be carried out precluded any selection of specific individuals by the Board. Selection of refugees was made abroad on the basis of their availability for immediate transport and their relative need.

I am enclosing for your information copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project. You will note from these enclosures that the individuals brought to the shelter will come to the United States outside the regular immigration laws and will be placed in the shelter under appropriate military security restrictions until the end of the war, when they will be returned to their homelands. This is strictly an emergency measure, and since the persons to be given asylum here will not be brought in under the regular immigration procedure, none of them will, as a result of their admission under this project, acquire any of the rights and privileges of legal immigrants.

Very truly yours,

~~JOHN F. W. Pehle~~

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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Enclosures.

EBTowler:agr 7-19-44

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

July 29, 1944

Mr. Max Blecher, Jr.,
1501 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Blecher:

Your cable regarding the inclusion of a number of persons on the list for transfer to the United States was received after the list had been entirely selected, and in fact did not reach Mr. Ackermann, Special Representative of the War Refugee Board, until after the ship carrying the group had departed.

I am informed by Mr. Ackermann that not all of the persons listed in your cable applied for admission to the refugee center and in addition that no Italian citizens were selected. I am glad to advise you, however, that the following persons named in your cable were selected and are enroute to the United States:

Carlo Schmutzer
Arturo Bauer
Sida Bauer
Milan Kastl
Felix Neumann

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Murphy

*Taken for Mr. Ackermann
follow*

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Algiers, July 18, 1944

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Mr. Leonard Ackermann,
c/o American Consulate General
Naples, Italy

Sir:

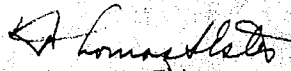
The following telegram has been received by Mr. Murphy from
Max Blecher, Jr., 1501 Broadway, New York, New York:

"The Honorable Robert D. Murphy:

"Have been referred to you regarding possibilities
of having following persons placed on freeport list for
transfer to United States. Yugoslavian citizens Charles
Schmutzer, Arthur Bauer, Sida Bauer residing Taranto via
Duca di Geneva. Yugoslavian citizens Milan Kastl, Zora
Kastl, Ester Bier, Slavko Bier residing via Enrico Totto
37 Bari. Ex-Austrian citizen Felix Neumann residing Jewish
group No. 1 PW transit camp CMF barrack Bari. Italian
citizens Dante Almansi, Ada Almansi, Elna Niccioslav, Paolo
and Serene Nunberg residing via Statilia nr 25 Rome. All
individuals of good character with relatives in United
States who will guarantee United States government political-
ly and financially. Would appreciate your assistance in
this matter. Max Blecher, Jr., 1501 Broadway."

It would be appreciated if you will investigate the possibility
of placing the persons named in the above telegram on the list for
transfer to the United States and inform Mr. Blecher of the result.
Please forward a copy of your letter to me. It might be well if you
would inform him in advance of the action you propose.

For the United States Political Adviser,


Thomas S. Estes
American Vice-Consul

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*taken for Mr. Ackermann
files for Italy*

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SIDNEY ROTH

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July 11, 1944

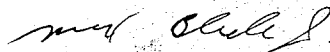
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We would appreciate it if you could advise us whether or not you could transmit the copy of the enclosed cable. As you, the undersigned is interested in a number of individuals in Italy who have relatives in the United States. We would like to apply to Mr. Murphy for his cooperation in perhaps placing these individuals on the so-called "freeport" list.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are

Very truly yours,



MAX BLECHER, Jr.

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c/o AMERICAN CONSULATE
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HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO YOU REGARDING POSSIBILITIES OF HAVING FOLOWING PERSONS PLACED ON FREEPORT LIST FOR TRANSFER TO UNITEDSTATES STOP YUGOSLAVIAN CITIZENS CHARLES SCHMUTZER, ARTHURO BAUER, SIDA BAUR, RESIDING TARANTO, VIA DUCA DI GENEVA 64/IV STOP YUGOSLAVIAN CITIZENS MILAN KASTL, ZORA KASTL, ~~XX~~ ESTER BIER, SLAVKO BIER, RESIDING VIA ENRICO TOTTO 37, BARI STOP EXAUSTRIAN CITIZEN FELIX NEUMANN, RESIDING JEWISH GROUP NO. 1 P.W. TRA SIT CAMP C.M.F. BARRACK 9/7, BARI, ITALIAN CITIZENS DANTE ALMANSI, ADA ALMANSI, ELENA, NIECIOSLAV, PAOLO AND SERENA NUNBERG, RESIDING VIA STATILIA #25, ROME STOP ALL INDIVIDUALS OF GOOD CHARACTER WITH RELATIVES IN UNITEDSTATES WHO WILL GUARANTEE UNITEDSTATES GOVERNMENT POLITICALLY AND FINANCIALLY STOP WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

MAX BLECHER,
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