

Requests for Specific Aid; BLECHNER, NORBERT

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In reply please  
refer to: 221

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Dear Mr. Blechner:

Reference is made to your letter of February 18, 1944, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in bringing about the emigration of Mr. Heinrich Stern and his family from Holland.

I am sure you will understand that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing any specific individuals. We shall, of course, do everything in our power to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

I suggest that you may wish to refer your problem to a private organization. There is enclosed a list of some of the organizations which I am advised may be in a position to be of help to you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Acting Executive Director

Mr. N. Blechner,  
42 Thayer Street,  
New York 34, New York.

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DATE 2/2/44

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42 Thayer Street  
New York 34, New York  
February 18, 1944

Main Treasury Building  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. J. W. Pehle

Gentlemen:

I take the liberty to write you with reference to good friends of mine now in Holland: Heinrich Stern, his wife, three children, and Mr. Stern's father.

Mr. Stern's last known address was 52 Michelango Straat, Amsterdam, Holland. His brother living in New York was informed recently via Palestine, that at the beginning of November, 1943 Mr. Stern and his family were still at the above given address, but were taken some time during November to a camp near Amsterdam.

I would appreciate it if you would kindly let me know whether you could take any steps in bringing about the emigration of Mr. Stern and his family from Holland.

I want to thank you full-heartedly in anticipation for any steps you could take in favor of this case. I know, of course, that it will be difficult for you to single out one family while millions are trying to escape from Europe, but I thought it advisable to submit this case to you because, fortunately enough, we still know where this family is supposed to be at the present time.

Very truly yours,



N. Blehner

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42 Thayer Street  
New York 34, New York  
February 18, 1944

Mr. J. B. Friedman  
Room 164  
Main Treasury Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I wish to repeat my thanks for the opportunity you gave me some time ago to discuss with you the question of saving some people now in Holland. I have delayed my letter to Mr. Pehle because I wanted to give you as much data as possible as to the persons I had in mind.

Unfortunately, I cannot get any reliable information of any recent date for most of the persons I had in mind. However, with reference to one family, recent information arrived as to their whereabouts and, therefore, I wrote to Mr. Pehle as per copy enclosed.

Thank you again and in anticipation for whatever you could do in this case, I am

Sincerely yours,

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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*V. B. Friedman*

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