Requests for Specific Aid: Bosi, 1922
In reply please refer to: 3125

Dear Miss Boss:

Mr. Abrahamson has referred to me your letter of July 21, 1944, concerning your desire to have your parents brought from Cancellara, Proviz Potenza, to the United States.

Your desire to have your parents included in the 1,000 refugees to be brought to the Emergency Refuge Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, meets with the fullest sympathy of the board. I know you will understand, however, 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 telegram 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 camp under appropriate military 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 enter the country under the regular immigration procedure, they will not, as a result of their admission under this project, acquire any of the rights and privileges of legal immigrants.

In the event that your parents were not included in this group, and as you are interested in having them enter the United States under the immigration laws, I suggest that you communicate with the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for information as to the procedure necessary.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Miss Lori Boss,
1225 South Union Avenue,
Los Angeles 16, California.

Enclosures.

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July 21, 1944

Mr. William Abrahamson
C/o War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Abrahamson:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of my friend, Frank Peterson, of the Justice Murphy Committee. Mr. Peterson thought that if I acquainted you with the facts concerning my parents, George and Dorothea Boss, it might be possible to enlist your aid in bringing them to a refugee camp in America or have them entered as legal immigrants.

My parents are citizens of the former Free City of Danzig, however they fell under the Polish quota. They were first interned in Benghazi, I think, it was four years ago, and since 1942 live in Canicella, Provinz Potenza, which is now in allied hands. I receive letters from them now and then, in which they state the fact, that they are in allied hands.

I stated these facts hoping, that there might be a possibility of getting them over here; if so, I would appreciate your help and advice, how I'd have to go about, in order to bring them to the States as soon as possible.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours

(Miss) Lori Boss

P.S. I will become a citizen of the U.S. at the end of this year.
Mr. William Abrahamson  
c/o War Refugee Board  
WASHINGTON, D.C.
In reply please refer to 3332

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Dear Miss Boss:

Thank you for your letter of August 8, 1944, informing us of the arrival of your parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Boss, with the group of refugees who were brought to the Emergency Refugee Shelter on August 5.

I am indeed happy for you that your parents were able to come to the United States with this group.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Lori Boss,

1725 South Union Avenue,
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August 8th, 1944

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

Attn.: Mr. J.W. Fehle

Re: 3125

Gentlemen:

I am referring to your letter of July 31st regarding the above mentioned.

I just wish to inform you that my parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Boss, arrived in the United States with 1000 other refugees on Saturday, August 6th.

I want to express my gratitude and want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for having made such a transport possible and for saving these people and bring them to this country.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) Lori Boss