Requests for Specific Aid: Brand, Joel
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I am sorry that we are not in a position to be of assistance to you with respect to your desire to come to the United States since the matter of the issuance of visas is not within the Board's jurisdiction. I am informed, however, that a number of American relief organizations are qualified to assist in problems of this nature, and I suggest that you might seek the assistance of any such organizations which have representatives in Palestine.

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Joel Brand
(Rothschild Boulevard 89
Tel Aviv)
C/O American Consulate General
Jerusalem, Palestine

EBT: inp 5/19/45
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[Enclosure]
Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The War Refugee Board has recently been informed that certain members of the family of Mr. Joel Brand were deported from Hungary and interned at Bergen Belsen. They are: his mother, Ida Brand nee Bracher, aged 73; his sisters, Ella Steiner nee Brand, aged 50; Neat Salgo nee Brand, aged 45; Hanna Brand, aged 38; and his niece, Margit Salgo, aged 19, all from Budapest.

Mr. Brand is exceedingly anxious to learn whether these relatives are still alive and to see that they receive all possible assistance. It will be appreciated if the JDC will endeavor to ascertain whether these persons were among the surviving inmates found at Bergen Belsen, and if so, their present whereabouts and welfare. Mr. Brand's present address is Rothschild Boulevard 89, Tel Aviv.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,
Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
May 2, 1945

General William O'Dwyer
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

I am enclosing a radiogram received by me today from Joel Brand. Miss Hodel knows the background of Mr. Brand's activities connected with the Board's operations when I was Special Representative in Turkey.

Brand was exceptionally helpful to the Board and exposed himself and his family to reprisals by his courage and resourcefulness. If anything can be done to aid him or his family I am confident that you will want to do so. Brand was extremely helpful to our government with the information he disclosed.

I shall be glad to talk with you or Miss Hodel about any aspect of the matter if you wish. In the meanwhile, if you would feel free to let me know of any efforts or success that you may have in aiding him I should be grateful.

Cordially yours,

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A. A. Hirschmann
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Chair B'Nai B'rith 59th St Lexington Ave NYC State Dept

Bar Rescue Board Washington, DC

About 1700 Hungarian Jews left Bergen-Belsen for Switzerland few months ago only. My mother sister not permitted leave Bergen-Belsen on special orders. Richard stop please contact commission now leaving for Bergen-Belsen and try all other means with view ascertaining whether mother
The following message was received "VIA MACKAY RADIO."

6/10/2750 HIRSCHMAN, NYC

INA, BRAND, NEE GRECHER aged 73, SISTERS ELLA, STEINER, NEE BRAND, aged 60.

NEAT, SALGO, NEE BRAND, aged 45. Nanka, brand, aged 38. Niece, HARGIT, SALGO,

AGED 19. ALL FROM BUDAPEST STILL ALIVE STOP PLEASE GIVE ALL POSSIBLE

RESISTANCE STOP MY WIFE, HANSI, BRAND AND TWO SONS, SUCCEEDED ESCAPE.

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BUDAPEST 14 VIA AIRCRAFT 55 WORKING INTERCRIKROUGE PLEASE TRY CONTACT AND ASSIST STOP DESIREE CONTINUE WORK HELPING SURVIVING HUNGARIAN JEWS AND RAISING MONEY THEIR RESettlement STOP WANTING VISIT STATES FOR THIS PURPOSE COULD YOU PLEASE HELP WITH VISA STOP THANKS FOR YOUR HELP AND GREETINGS JOLL EINAND TELAVIV ROTHESCHILD BLVD 39 12037