

Requests for Specific Aid; BRAND, Joel

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MAY 22 1945

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Joel Brand
(Rothschild Boulevard 89
Telaviv)
c/o American Consulate General
Jerusalem, Palestine

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WAR REFUGEE BOARD

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Acting Executive Director

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Enclosure.

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MAY 19 1945

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 Brecher, aged 73; his sisters, Ella Steiner nee Brand, aged 50, Meit 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, Telaviv.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Florence Hodel
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Moses A. Leavitt,
Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York.

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METROPOLITAN TELEVISION INC.

634 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y. TELEPHONE REGENT 4-7547

May 2, 1945

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Miss Hodel's file - see below*

General William O'Dwyer
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, 25, D. C.

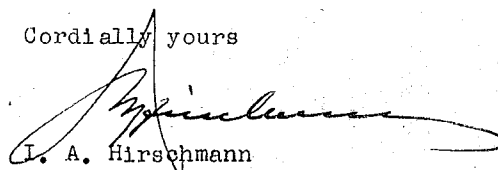
Dear General O'Dwyer:

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 on 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



J. A. Hirschmann

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LT IRA HIRSCHMA

(DELR BLOOMINGDALES 59TH ST LEAINGTON AVE NYC) STATE DEPT

WAR REFUGEE BOARD WASHINGTONDC

WHEN 1700 HUNGARIAN JEWS LEFT BERGENBELSEN FOR SWITZERLAND FEW MONTHS

AGO ONLY MY MOTHER SISTER NOT PERMITTED LEAVE BERGENBELSEN ON SPECIAL

ORDERS EICHMANN STOP PLEASE CONTACT COMMISSION NOW LEAVING FOR

BERGENBELSEN AND TRY ALL OTHER MEANS WITH VIEW ASCERTAINING WHETHER

MOTHER

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IDA BRAND NEE BRECHER AGED 73 SISTERS ELLA STEINER NEE BRAND AGED
50 HEAT SALGO NEE BRAND AGED 45 HANNA BRAND AGED 38 NIECE MARGIT SALGO
AGED 19 ALL FROM BUDAPEST STILL ALIVE STOP PLEASE GIVE ALL POSSIBLE
ASSISTANCE STOP BY WIFE HANSI BRAND AND TWO SONS SUCCEEDED ESCAPE
LIVING

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BRNO/5/30 MIRSCHAN NYC
BUDAPEST 14 PR ANCIATCA 33 WORKING INTERCROIXROUGE PLEASE TRY
CONTACT AND ASSIST STOP DESIRING CONTINUE WORK HELPING SURVIVING
HUNGARIAN JEWS AND RAISING MONEY THEIR RESTTLEMENT STOP WANTING
VISIT STATES FOR THIS PURPOSE COULD YOU PLEASE HELP WITH VISA STOP

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP AND GREETINGS

JOEL BRAND TELAVIV ROTHSCHILDBLVD 89

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