

Requests for Specific Aid: CAPOUNA, MORRIS N. (DR.)

000258

In reply please
refer to: 525

APR 20 1944

Dear Dr. Capouya:

Your inquiry to Senator Hill, concerning the possibility of assistance from the War Refugee Board in transferring your father, mother and sister from Rhodes, Aegean Islands, to a neutral country, has been referred to me.

I think 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 specific individuals. We shall, of course, do everything in our power to rescue and save victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

I suggest that you may wish to refer your particular case 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 some help to you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Dr. Morris N. Capouya,
117 Adams Avenue,
Montgomery 5, Alabama.

*Original signed by
Mr. Pehle*

Enclosure.

BBH:agr 4-18-44

000259

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : WRB - Mr. Pehle
FROM : WRB - Mr. Warren
SUBJECT:

~~W. R. B.~~
Filing Authority
To: Files
DATE: April 18, 1944.
No. Ans. Req. _____
Initial _____
Date _____

Attached herewith is a letter from Senator Hill dated April 3, with reference to the parents of Dr. Morris N. Capouya of Montgomery, Alabama, who are believed to be at present in Rhodes, Aegean Islands.

Also attached is a copy of an acknowledgment written to Senator Hill by the Secretary of State.

George L. Warren

Attachments:

- 1. From Senator Hill, April 3, 1944.
- 2. To Senator Hill.

WRB:GLWarren:kg

000260

LISTER HILL, ALA., CHAIRMAN
FREDERICK VAN NUYS, IND. JAMES J. DAVIS, PA.
ALDEN W. BARKLEY, KY. GEORGE D. Aiken, VT.
THEODORE FRANCIS GREEN, R. I. HOMER FERGUSON, MICH.
JOHN L. MCCLELLAN, ARK.

CURTIS MCPHERSON, CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN THE EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENTS

April 3, 1944



1244 APR 4 PM 3 55

The Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I quote below from a letter which I have just received from Dr. Morris N. Capouya, 117 Adams Avenue, Montgomery 5, Alabama:

"It is my understanding that a Refugee Board has been set up with the Secretary of State Hull at its head to enable those refugees in the occupied countries to be transferred to neutral or other countries.

"I am referring to my father, mother and sister now presumably in Rhodes, Aegean Islands. They are close to Turkey and was wondering if something could be done to enable them to go to Turkey or any other possible haven. I have been trying to send a cable through the international Red Cross, but was told that it was a military zone of operations."

I shall greatly appreciate it if you will advise me regarding this matter, in order that I may answer Dr. Capouya's inquiry.

Thanking you and with all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lister Hill".

mms

000261

My dear Senator Hill:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 3 transmitting an inquiry from Dr. Morris W. Capouya of Montgomery, Alabama, regarding the desire of his parents, who are believed to be at Rhodes, Aegean Islands, to enter Turkey.

In requesting the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board to communicate direct with you concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable
Clister Hill,
United States Senate.

RECEIVED
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.
MAY 10 11 39 AM '41

000262

1944

In reply please
refer to: 525

My dear Senator:

Your letter of April 3, 1944, to the Secretary of State, concerning the desire of Dr. Capouya to have his parents transferred from Rhodes, Aegean Islands, to a neutral country, has been referred to me.

Because of the tremendous task it faces in effecting the policy of this Government to save and rescue the victims of enemy oppression, one of the Board's first decisions was to confine itself to projects for the rescue of groups of persons. It was felt that, of necessity, the Board could not seek out and rescue specific individuals.

In view of this, I have suggested to Dr. Capouya that he seek the assistance of a private organization in his problem. Established organizations engaged in relief and refugee work have indicated their willingness to cooperate with the Board in cases of this kind. Once a way of escape has been opened up, these private organizations should be able to be of great help in the re-uniting of families, and otherwise assisting specific refugees.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Dr. Capouya.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable Lister Hill,
United States Senate.

*Original signed by
J. W. Pehle*

Enclosure.

PH
BBHutchinson:agr 4-18-44

000263