Request for Specific Aid: Cassirer, Henry R.
In reply please refer to: 466

Dear Mr. Gasserer:

I have your letters of April 6 and 7, 1944, transmitting a list of names which you wish communicated through the facilities of this Government to Mr. McDowell in Berne, in order that certain members of your family may be aided in their escape to Switzerland.

Your appeal for assistance in rescuing these people from the Nazis meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I am sure you will understand, however, 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 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 some help to you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Henry H. Gasserer,
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488 Madison Avenue,

Enclosure.

[Signature]
April 5th, 1901

Mr. John W. Fehle
Director
War Refugee Board
Room 2093
Treasury Building
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Fehle:

Following the conversation of our Washington correspondent Don Powers with Miss Hoeldt, I am sending you details concerning my parents-in-law in Budapest, whose escape to Switzerland I hope the War Refugee Board will be able to facilitate.

I understand from Mr. Powers that the board is at present concerned primarily with saving the problems of entire groups. Nevertheless, I would be much obliged if the name of my parents-in-law were communicated to Mr. McClelland in Rome so that he can include them in the list of refugees to be shielded in their escape to Switzerland whenever the appropriate arrangements have been made. The names of my parents-in-law are Victor and Paula Hoeldt, their last known address is Johany 30, Budapest, Hungary.

In Switzerland there are my uncle and aunt who have been in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Hoeldt for some time and certainly would be willing to look after them when they reach that country. Would you kindly inform Mr. McClelland of their name as well as I shall advise them to contact him or any other agency you name as soon as you believe that the necessary preliminaries have been completed.

Please treat this information as confidential and see to it that it is transmitted abroad only in code form, as I do not wish the name of my parents-in-law to fall into the hands of the German espionage. I am of course prepared to give the necessary financial assistance as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Hoeldt should arrive in Switzerland or any other country they are able to reach with your help.

I would be very much obliged if you would inform me of any further developments.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Henry C. Cassiner
Acting Dir.
Short Wave Listening Station
April 7th, 1944

Mr. John W. Fehle
Director
War Refugee Board
Room 208F
Treasury Building
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Fehle:

Looking over the letter I sent to you on April 7th concerning Dr. and Mrs. Rejto in Budapest, I find that the names of my uncle and aunt in Switzerland were omitted. Here they are:

Paul and Edith Asheeb, Ecole d'Humanite, Loc Noir, Canton Fribourg.

I would be very much obliged if you could also include in any steps that might be taken on behalf of my parents-in-law their foster daughter Alice Robiszcek.

Yours truly,

Henry R. Cassirer
Asst. Dir.
Short Wave Listening Station
DATE: 4/8/44

TO: WRB, Mr. Pehle
FROM: Subject

SUMMARY: Let. 8437, 4/5/44, re: Request for assistance in getting relatives into Switzerland from Hungary

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