

Requests for Specific Aid: COHAN, ILONA:

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In reply please  
refer to: 642

Dear Mrs. Cohan:

The Department of State has referred to me your recent letter requesting assistance in helping your parents to escape from Hungary.

Your appeal for assistance in rescuing your parents from the Nazis meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I am sure you will understand, however, 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. The Board is directing unstinted efforts to the solution of the problems precipitated by recent developments, and I assure you that everything in its power will be done 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,

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Ilona Cohan,  
1814 1/2 N. Van Ness,  
Hollywood, California.

Enclosure.

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TO : War Refugee Board - Treasury, Mr. Pehle    DATE: May 5, 1944  
FROM : WRB - State Department, Mr. Warren  
SUBJECT:

Herewith is a letter from Ilona Cohan, 1814 1/2  
North Van Ness, Hollywood, California, which I believe  
the Board will wish to answer.

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WRB:HCJohnson:kg

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OR:

Please index and return  
with previous correspondence,  
if any, within—

\*Half hour

One hour

Two hours

Today

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\*Please check.

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DIVISION Ans. Req.	
Initial	
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE	

JAN 8  
Dearest Sir

COMMUNICATIONS  
RECORDS

I beg you to answer me  
immediately, if there is a  
chance, to bring parents to  
Turkey, or some other  
neutral state, coming from  
Hungary, Budapest.

I just became a citizen.  
My husband, enlisted in the army  
as an engineer, and we have a  
little boy.

Dear Sir, I am not at all rich.  
Would I have to go down  
to Washington, have attorney,  
so, to be able have an  
indenture with you?  
What if help better?

WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
APR 25 1944  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Please, Sir do not write me, that  
you can't do anything about it!  
Don't you see, you are my only  
hope, and, I am so helpless,  
and there is no one, I could  
ask advice!

Could you help me, advise me, to  
take steps, to bring them out  
from Hungary? To Turkey?

Do please, I beg you, immediately,  
because, I just can't shut it

Very very gratefully

Thoma Colman.

18 1/2 N. Van Ness

Hollywood, Calif.

P.S. I heard that a Mrs. C. M. Hilton  
got an interview from you, for the  
same matter. (From Los Angeles Hilton Hotel  
owner.)  
Because, if she can't do it, then,  
I don't either.

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