Requests for Specific Aid: Cohanz, Florida
Dear Mrs. Coban:

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. Peble
Executive Director

Mrs. Ilona Cohan,
1614 1/2 N. Van Ness,
Hollywood, California.

Enclosure.
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.
Please index and return with previous correspondence, if any, within—
*Half hour
One hour
Two hours
Today

*Please check.
Dear Sir,

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

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

Dear Sir, I am not at all sick.
Would I have to go to
Washington, have attorney,
so to be able have on
inherited with you?

Attended if help better?
Please, Sir do not write me, but
you must do something about it!
Don't you see, you are my only
hope, and, if no one can help me,
and there is no one, I could
ask advice!
Could you help me, advise me, to
leave Naples, to bring them out
from Hungary? To Turkey?
Do answer, I beg you, immediately,
because, I just can't stand it.

Very very gratefully

Thoma Colman

1814 1/2, N. Van Ness
Hollywood, Calif.

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