

Requests for Specific Aid: D'ORAZIO, Tony

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My dear Mr. Graham:

I have your letter of July 13, 1944, requesting information concerning the establishment of refugee camps in the State of New York, and enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Myron E. Rowley, written on behalf of Mr. Tony D'Orasio, who desires to have his sister and niece included in the 1,000 refugees to be brought to the United States from Southern Italy.

The only refugee center established in the United States is the recently announced Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. As indicated in the enclosed documents, this operation provides for approximately 1,000 persons, for the most part women and children, who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy, to be brought to the United States outside of the regular immigration procedure, similar to the arrangements by which civilian internees from Latin America and prisoners of war have been brought here. These refugees will be placed in the shelter under appropriate military security restrictions and will be returned to their homelands upon the termination of the war.

In connection with Mr. D'Orasio's desire to have his sister and niece brought to the shelter, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Rowley which is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable Louis E. Graham,
House of Representatives.

*Original signed by
Mr. Pehle*

Enclosures.

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Dear Mr. Rowley:

The Honorable Louis E. Graham has referred to me a copy of your letter of June 21, 1944, concerning Mr. Tony D'Orazio's desire to have his sister and niece included in the 1,000 refugees to be brought to the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York.

I am enclosing for your information copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project. You will note from these enclosures that the individuals brought to the shelter will be people who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy. They will come to the United States outside the immigration laws and will be placed in the camp under appropriate military restrictions until the end of the war, when they will be returned to their own countries. This is strictly an emergency measure, and since the persons to be given asylum here will be brought in outside the regular immigration procedure, none of them will, as a result of their admission under this project, acquire any of the rights and privileges of legal immigrants.

Mr. D'Orazio's desire to have his sister and his niece brought to this country meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I know 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 specific individuals.

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I am enclosing a list of private organizations which I am advised may be in a position to be of some help to you in this matter, and suggest that you refer your problem to any one of them.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Myron E. Rowley,
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Enclosures.

*Original signed by
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Date

Mr. John Pehle,
Director of the War Refugee Board,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Please find enclosed copy of a letter which I have received from Hon. Byron B. Howley of Allitona, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Howley's letter is self-explanatory and I have already advised Mr. Howley that Mr. Tony D'Orazio's sister, Angela D'Orazio Domenica, and his niece who are now residing near Rome, Italy, must obtain an appropriate immigration visa before entering this country under the Emigration quota from Italy but at the present time there are no American consular visa services available in Italy.

I am writing you with particular reference to the marked paragraph of Mr. Howley's letter in which he refers to the two refugee camps now being constructed in the State of New York. Will you kindly furnish us with any information available on the subject and advise us whether or not there is any possibility of Mrs. Domenica and her daughter being brought to this country as refugees.

Thanking you for your anticipated courtesy in this matter and with best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Louis E. Graham

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Hon. LOUIS L. CRAIG,
1638 New House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been contacted by Tony D'Orazio, an Italian who lives here in Aliquippa. His father, Carmine D'Orazio, who also lives in Aliquippa, came to this country years ago and was naturalized at Aliquippa, Pa., on November 12, 1900. Carmine D'Orazio has a daughter named Angela, who was born about the year 1894 in Italy. She never came to this country. She married years ago and has two children, a son aged about twenty-two and a daughter aged about twenty. The son was in the Italian Army and has not been heard from for a long time. He is either dead or a prisoner of the Germans.

Angela was living with her husband and daughter near Rome. The town where they lived was in the battle zone and has been completely destroyed. Everything that they had has been lost. They have written to the father, Carmine D'Orazio, at Aliquippa, asking for aid and stating that they have neither food, clothing or shelter.

When Tony came to talk to me, he was of the opinion that his sister, Angela, was a citizen of the United States. I am not an expert on these matters but did look the matter up and told him that in my opinion she is not a citizen.

In any event, Carmine D'Orazio would like to bring his daughter and granddaughter to this country and is willing to guarantee that they will not become objects of public charity.

I do not know what our Government is doing in cases of this kind. I did see in the paper that two refugee camps are being constructed in the State of New York.

Is there any possibility of getting this woman and her daughter to this country, and, if so, what is the proper procedure?

The daughter's name and present address is as follows:

Angela D'Orazio-Domenica
Presso Caterina
Marchetta Via
Roma No. 100
Grossano Prov.
di Mateso
Italy

Yours very truly,
(Sgd) Myron E. Rowley
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