

Requests for Specific Aid: FATICA, ANNA

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In reply please  
refer to: 3332

Dear Miss Fatica:

I have your letter of September 11, 1944, and its enclosures, seeking the assistance of the War Refugee Board in bringing your sister and her daughter to this country from Italy.

The functions of the War Refugee Board do not extend to problems of this nature, since the Board's activities are directed to the rescue of victims of enemy persecution from enemy territory. Since the individuals in whom you are interested are in an area which has been liberated by the Allied armies, they are not within the categories of persons whom it is the Board's task to assist.

Inasmuch as your real desire, apparently, is to accomplish the entry of your sister and her daughter as legal immigrants, the only possible procedure for that purpose would appear to be the suggestion outlined in the last paragraph of the letter which you received from the Department of State. It is possible, however, that a private organization may be able to be of some assistance to you in the meantime, and I suggest that you may wish to refer your problem to any one of the agencies named in the enclosed list.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

*Request for Spanish Aid*

Miss Anna Fatica,  
c/o The Standard Knitting Mills, Inc.,  
2202 Superior Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Enclosure.

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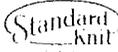
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September 11, 1944.

Mr. John Lehle,  
Executive Director of the Board,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith two copies of letters, one which I wrote to the Department of State and their answer.

Will you kindly advise me, after reading the letters carefully, what the next step would be in order to get my Sister and her Daughter into this Country.

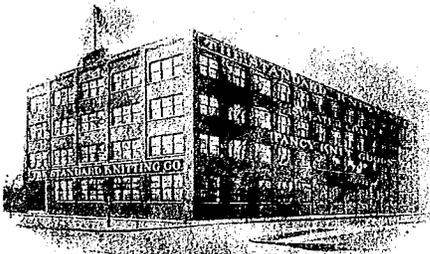
Anything you can do in the matter will be appreciated.

I await to hear and remain,

Very truly,

Anna Patica,

c/o The Standard Knitting Mills Inc.,  
2202 Superior Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



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August 14, 1944.

State Department,  
Washington,  
D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Our Local Immigration Bureau has asked me to contact you regarding my Sister who resides in Italy.

I am desirous of getting her to this Country as a Refugee at least for the Duration and submit the following information:-

(name) Angela Grieco, and daughter Anna  
(reside) Presso Padula Salandra  
P. Matero, Italy.

*[Matero - located Italy]*  
Will you kindly advise me what the procedure is.

Awaiting to hear and thanking you in advance, remain,

Very truly,

Anna Fatica,  
c/o The Standard Knitting Mills Inc.,  
2202 Superior Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

P.S. I am a citizen  
of this Country.

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Department of State,  
In reply, refer to  
WD 811.111 Grieco, Angela

9/9/44

My dear Miss Ratica:-

I have your letter of August 24, 1944 concerning your desire to have your sister, Mrs. Angela Grieco, and her daughter, Anna Grieco, come to the United States from Italy as refugees at least for the duration of the war.

It is the Department's understanding that the War Refugee Board which was established by the President in January 1944 through an executive order has found it necessary for the President to confine its activities to the rescue of groups of refugees rather than individual persons. However, if you desire further information on this subject, you may if you wish, communicate with Mr. John Reble of the Treasury Department, who is the executive director of the board.

There are presently no American consular visa services available in Italy and, consequently, there are no steps that can be taken at this time with a view to providing persons residing in that country with visas for residence in the United States. However, it is hoped that it will be possible, for a limited period, to authorize American consular officers in Italy to resume the issuance of visas. Appropriate publication will be given to this matter in the press and it is suggested that you communicate with the Department at that time in order that you may be informed regarding the procedure to be followed in the cases of your sister and her daughter.

Sincerely,

(signed) Howard K. Travers,  
Chief, Visa Division.

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