

Requests for Specific Aid: FLEISCHMAN, TELESKI (MRS.)

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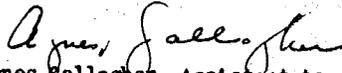
Mr. William O'Dwyer
Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 14 concerning Mrs. Tebsci Fleischman, who was last known to be in Hungary and whose husband, Mr. Henry Fleischman of New York, has filed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service form 575 in accordance with the War Refugee Board project.

We were especially glad to have the information concerning the Vatican message service which we have passed on to Mr. Fleischman. He has already registered her name with the Central Location Index in New York, of which our Committee is a member. You may be interested in the enclosed pamphlet, briefly describing that service.

Sincerely yours,


Agnes Gallagher, Assistant to
(Mrs.) Kathleen Hambly Hanstein
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**CENTRAL
LOCATION INDEX**

A channel for making possible—through registration and clearance—the re-establishment of contact between persons here and abroad. Relatives and friends of persons displaced as a result of war and other catastrophic causes, may apply for location service. This service is given by the following agencies which comprise the membership of Central Location Index:

The American Christian Committee
for Refugees, Inc.
139 Centre Street, New York 13, N. Y.

American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Penna.

*The American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee, Inc.
270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant
Aid Society
425 Lafayette Street, New York 3, N. Y.

International Migration Service
122 East 22nd Street, New York 10, N. Y.

National Council of Jewish Women, Inc.
1819 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y.

National Refugee Service, Inc.
139 Centre Street, New York 13, N. Y.

*The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.
does not accept applications for location service.



When and Where to Apply for Location Service

Whenever it is possible to write directly to the person abroad—as postal facilities are restored—inquirers should be encouraged to use normal channels of communication.

Applications may be made directly to the national headquarters of any one of the member agencies* or through cooperating local community agencies.

Central Location Index, Inc. receives applications for location service only through the member agencies. Application forms are provided by the agencies upon request.

How Location Information is Obtained

The combined resources of the seven well-established agencies functioning in the national and international field make possible an effective channel for the clearance of many thousands of names of persons who are being sought.

Information about the whereabouts of persons overseas, which is received by the member agencies, is pooled in the files of the

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Index and serves to increase the resources through which location may be effected.

All available sources will be used for obtaining location information. Some of the major sources are the Register of Dispersed Persons compiled by the International Committee of the Red Cross, which contains several million names; national and local registration centers overseas which are being planned and organized; and lists secured from camps and areas in which many displaced persons are congregated. Additional channels which become available with changing conditions will be utilized.

How Location Information is Given

When Central Location Index learns the whereabouts of the persons sought, it sends the information to the member agency which registered the application and the agency in turn notifies the inquirer or the local agency which received the inquiry.

In addition to the resources of the Index, individual search will be instituted by the member agencies when necessary and feasible.

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*Member Agencies Render
Other Services Where
Necessary After Location*

Persons desiring migration advice or other related service, may request this from any of the member agencies.

Advantages

Coordination of the vast facilities of the Index will help to eliminate duplication and confusion for persons seeking location service; for the member agencies and their cooperating groups; and for the agencies overseas which will be utilized in the process of searching.

The pooling of resources makes available to the member agencies information which might not otherwise be accessible to each individual agency.

American Friends Service Committee
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Dear Miss Gallagher:

I have your letter of April 5 concerning Mr. Henry Fleischman's desire to obtain news of his wife, Mrs. Tersci Fleischman, last known to be in Hungary.

I am sorry that there is no information in the Board's files concerning Mrs. Fleischman, nor can we undertake to handle inquiries of this nature concerning specific individuals. I can, however, suggest two other possibilities for ascertaining the whereabouts and welfare of relatives.

Mr. Fleischman may ask his local Red Cross chapter to help him to send a message through the International Red Cross, or he may go to any Catholic rectory and request the priest to arrange for his inquiry to be sent through the Vatican message service. With respect to the latter, it is my understanding that the request will be directed through the Apostolic Delegate in Washington to the Vatican and that efforts will then be made to obtain information concerning Mrs. Fleischman through the facilities of the Nunciature and the Catholic clergy in Hungary.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
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April 5, 1945

Miss Florence Vogel,
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War Relocation Board
Washington, D. C.

Re: Therese (Tersci) Fleischman
12, Gyocymaz utca
Budapest V, Hungary or
61 Rakoczi Ferencz utca
Gyoeer, Hungary

Dear Miss Vogel:

On November 1, 1944 Mr. Henry Fleischman, 11 East 83rd Street, New York City filled Form 575 with the Immigration and Naturalization Service for his wife Mrs. Tersci Fleischman. On November 5 Mr. Fleischman received notice from the Immigration Service that this form had been cleared and forwarded to the State Department. This application was given special clearance under the War Refugee Board Project.

*Usual
notice
from
Justice*

Mr. Fleischman has had no news of his wife, and is concerned about her health and well-being. He has recently requested us to cable to her former addresses on his behalf. We of course, are unable to do so since cable communication to Hungary has not yet opened up. We wonder however, whether you have any information in your files concerning Mrs. Fleischman and whether you know her present whereabouts. If not, is there any way in which such information might be secured.

*Nothing
further
in our
files*

Sincerely yours,

Agnes Gallagher

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