

Requests for Specific Aid: FRAENKEL, MARLENE A. (Miss)

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Dear Miss Fraenkel:

I have your recent letter requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in arranging for the immigration of your brother to the United States from Holland.

Inasmuch as the task of the War Refugee Board to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who were in imminent danger of death terminated with the cessation of hostilities, the Board is now in process of liquidation.

While I am not informed as to the facilities which may be available at the present time for immigration to the United States from the liberated countries of Europe, it is possible that one of the agencies named in the enclosed list may be able to give you some assistance in this matter. I suggest therefore that you refer your problem to any one of such agencies, or that you make inquiry of the Visa Division of the Department of State as to the procedure which should be followed.

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive
Director

Miss Marlene A. Fraenkel
1789 Bathgate Avenue
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Enclosure.

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MARLENE A. FRAENKEL

1789 Ballgate Ave
Brook 57, N.Y.
August 24, 1945

War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing to you in behalf of my brother Hermann Fraenkel, who at present lives at Misterstraat 1, Winklerwijk, Holland. Although Hermann is only 20 years old, he has spent 25 months already in a concentration camp in Poland. We have just received word from him that he is alive and well and back in Holland.

As almost our entire family is here, we'd like to bring Hermann also to this country. My parents and I have tried to contact various agencies in New York to get some information in regard to emigration from Holland to the United States. Hermann was registered with the American Consul in Vienna since March 25, 1938 and therefore would not have to wait anymore for his quota number. He had had papers to come here in 1941, but just when he was supposed

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to get the American visa, we declared war
against Germany and the American Consul
left Rotterdam. none of the agencies here
were able to help us or give us any in-
formation.

Could you please tell us what to do
in order to get him here as soon as possible?
Do we have to make out an affidavit and
where should we send it? Isn't there
any way in which the War Refugee Board
could help us bring him over very soon?

We have been separated from this child
for several years - since Hitler occupied
Austria - and after all those long, dark
years of suffering and hardships, isn't
he also entitled to a little happiness in
the wonderful country of ours?

Please help us get him here as soon
as possible. Thank you very much for
your prompt attention in this matter.

Respectfully yours
Marion C. Frankel

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Dear Miss Fraenkel:

I have your letter of September 20, submitting information which we recently requested concerning your brother whose last known address is Winterswijk, Holland. It appears that if an American immigration visa was authorized for him, such authorization was prior to July 1, 1941; his case does not fall within the program developed to benefit persons whose visas were authorized after that date.

However, since my letter of September 2, the War Refugee Board in collaboration with the Department of State has developed a special program calculated to assist certain other categories of persons in enemy territory, including the unmarried minor children of United States citizens and resident aliens. While no assurances can be given as to the success of the plan, I suggest that you have your father promptly file with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a petition to establish your brother as a person entitled to non-quota or preference quota immigration status as the unmarried minor child of a United States citizen or resident alien, whichever may be the case. The petition should be accompanied by a letter stating that it is being filed at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board.

I am enclosing copies of two forms, one to be used if your father is an American citizen, and the other to be used if he is not. It may be advisable in connection with filling out the enclosed forms for him to consult with the National Refugee Service, 139 Centre Street, New York, New York, the Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society, 425 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, or the National Council of Jewish Women, 1819 Broadway, New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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1789 Bathgate Avenue
Bronx 57, New York
September 20, 1944

Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Mr. J.W. Pehle
Executive Director

Reference: 3225

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of September 3, 1944, I'd like to furnish you with the following information regarding my brother Herman Fraenkel:

His exact name is: Herman Fraenkel

His last known address is: c/o Fuldauer
Eelinkstraat 14
Winterswijk
Holland

He was born on March 15, 1925 in Vienna, Austria.

We do not know whether an American immigration visa has been issued to him, as the American Consulate in Holland was closed just during the week he was supposed to get the visa (according to one of his last letters we received), but on June 5, 1941 the American Joint Distribution Committee in New York received the following cablegram from their Amsterdam office:

" Collect passage money for child Herman from father Isaak Fraenkel, exit permit granted."

Although everything was taken care of, it was too late for Herman to come over. Until recently we heard from him through the Red Cross and therefore we hope and pray that he is still alive.

We would appreciate it very much if you could be of any assistance to us of bringing the child to the United States and to help us to become once more a happy family. In case you need any further information, please don't hesitate to call on us.

Thank you for all your kindness,

Very truly yours

Marlene A. Fraenkel
Marlene A. Fraenkel

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In reply please
refer to: 3225

Dear Miss Fraenkel:

The President has referred to me your letter of August 6, 1944, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in bringing your brother from Holland to the United States.

This Government has taken action calculated to bring about the release from enemy-occupied areas of persons for whom American immigration visas were issued or authorized on or after July 1, 1941. It appears from the information contained in your letter that such a visa may have been authorized for your brother, and I sincerely hope that he will be among those who may be rescued.

While no assurances can be given as to the outcome of our efforts in this direction, it will be appreciated if you will furnish us with the following additional information:

1. The date of authorization of the issuance of such visa by the Department of State;
2. The exact name and last known address of the member of your family for whom such visa was authorized;
3. The date and place of birth of the person covered by the visa; and
4. The reference or file number assigned to the visa or to its correspondence with you by the Department of State.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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1789 Bathgate Avenue
Bronx, New York
August 6, 1944

The President
of the United States
Washington, D.C.

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS
FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

William D. Farrell
Secretary to the President

W. R. B.
Filing Authority
To: Files
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Date _____

Dear Mr. President:

I hope you will forgive me for coming to you in times like these, when world history is being made and the lives of millions of people are at stake with a personal matter, but I feel you are the only one who can help me:

I have been in this country only for five years, and I know I do not have to tell you how much I love it and how grateful and happy I am to be here. I came from Vienna, where I spent the first 19 years of my life. We were a happy family then: my father, my mother, my four brothers and I. But our happiness did not last very long. Soon after the annexation of Austria my father and my oldest brother, who was then 17 years old, were arrested and put into concentration camps. We were lucky, both came home after a few months, but my brother never regained the strength and health he lost while imprisoned and died shortly afterwards at the age of 18. Father was arrested once more, as before for no reason. In order to save us other children mother sent us all away; each one to a different country, just so we should be safe and how much everybody envied her for being able to do so! My 15 year old brother was sent to England, my 13 year old brother was sent to Holland and I had the opportunity to come to this country. Soon after I arrived in this country, my father was released from the concentration camp for the second time (one of the very few lucky people) and with the help of my relatives and very good people I brought my parents over here.

Now everything would be so wonderful, were it not the fear and worry about my brother in Holland that haunts us day and night. We had sent him an affidavit, but just when he was called up to get his visa, the entrance of the United States into the War against Germany and the consequent withdrawal of our ambassador from Holland prevented him from coming over here. We would like to save that child -- if there is still somebody to be saved -- and we would do anything in this world to do so.

We had given up all hope, but when I read about the Oswega settlement in the newspapers a few days ago, I decided to write to you and I know you will try to help me. It gave me new hope when I read that about 900 refugees from all parts of Europe have reached these shores, hope that may be my brother also will have a chance to be brought to this country by the same authorities.

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We heard from him about a year ago. It was a message sent to us through the Red Cross, saying that he is safe and well. His name and address then were: Herman Frankel
Vredeschweg 14
Winterswijk
Holland

He is only 19 years old now, but he has lived through so much during his young and short life.

Dear Mr. President, couldn't you help us ~~save that child?~~
~~Wouldn't it be possible to bring him over through the same channels~~ all the other people who came recently to live at Fort Ontario were brought here?

Couldn't you help me bring a little sunshine into the hearts of my parents, who have lost so much already, so that part of our family at least could be once more united.

Thank you for all your kindness you have given me and this matter.

Very respectfully yours

Marlene A. Fraenkel
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