

Requests for Specific Aid; FRANKO, LOUISE M.

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In reply please
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Dear Miss Frenko:

I have your letter of July 16, 1944, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in bringing your mother from Italy to the United States.

Your desire to have your mother included in the 1,000 refugees to be brought to the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I know you will understand, however, that the urgency of this task and the speed with which it had to be carried out precluded any selection of specific individuals by the Board. Selection of refugees was made abroad on the basis of their availability for immediate transport and their relative need.

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 with the execution of the project. You will note from these enclosures that the individuals brought to the shelter will come to the United States outside the regular immigration laws and will be placed in the camp under appropriate military security restrictions until the end of the war, when they will be returned to their homelands. This is strictly an emergency measure, and since the persons to be given asylum here will not enter the country under the regular immigration procedure, they will not, as a result of their admission under this project, acquire any of the rights and privileges of legal immigrants.

In the event that your mother is not included in this group, and if you are interested in having her enter the United States under the immigration laws, I suggest that you communicate with the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for information as to the procedure necessary.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Louise M. Franko,

Library, Pennsylvania.

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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

In a reply to my letter which I have written to the Department of State I am being advised to join

my mother - Mrs. Teresa Gavorsek - a citizen of Yugoslavia was sent to a Prison camp in Italy, in the city of Perugia. Since the liberation of that city - my mother became a refugee.

Knowing that this Government is planning to transfer a group of war refugees to a camp in Ontario. I have been hoping and praying that my mother would be one of those fortunate refugees.

My brother is fighting with Tito's Army in Yugoslavia - it was through him, I learned of my mother's whereabouts.

I would greatly appreciate your help in bringing my mother to the United States.

Yours very truly,
Louise M. Franko.

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