Requests for Specific Aid: Goro, George J.
I have your letter of September 21, 1944, concerning Mr. George J. Gero's relatives in Hungary.

This Government has taken action calculated to bring about the release from enemy-controlled areas of persons, for whom American immigration visas were issued or authorized on or after July 1, 1944. While no assurance can be given as to the outcome of our efforts in this direction, if such visas were authorized for Mr. Gero's relatives, it will be appreciated if you will furnish us with the following additional information:

1. The date of authorization of the issuance of such visas by the Department of State,

2. The exact name and last known address of each member of his family for whom such visas were authorized,

3. The date and place of birth of each person covered by such visas, and

4. The names and addresses of the sponsors of each such person.

If no such visas were issued, Mr. Gero's parents may benefit from a special program which the Board, in collaboration with the State Department, has developed. This program is calculated to facilitate the departure from enemy territory of spouses, unmarried minor children, and parents of American citizens, and the wives and unmarried minor children of resident aliens who are in enemy-occupied territory and subject to persecution. Therefore, if Mr. Gero is an American citizen, I suggest that he fill out, execute and file the enclosed form, on behalf of his parents, with the Immigration and Naturalisation Service, Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He should advise the Immigration and
Naturalization Service that he is filing such form at the
suggestion of the War Refugee Board.

As this program is based on the statutes relating to
the issuance of non-quotas and preference-quotas visas, I regret
that it does not apply to his brother and sister and their
families. Please be assured, however, that the Board is doing
and will continue to do everything within its power to aid the
victims of enemy persecution and that we sincerely hope that the
work of the Board has been and will continue to be of assistance
to his family.

Very truly yours,

(J. W. Pehle)

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Enclosure.
Mr. John Pehle  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I received a communication with regard to bringing in the family of Mr. George J. Gero from Hungary, from Mr. Howard K. Travers, Chief, Visa Division of the office of The Secretary of State.

Mr. Gero just learned that his parents, brother and family and his sister and family are all safe in Hungary and now desires to obtain further information as to the method of bringing out these people who are Hungarian Jews through the War Refugee Board under your direction.

Will you please be good enough to send me all necessary data in this connection, for which I thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Morris G. Warner

September 21, 1944