

Requests for Specific Aid: GLEITMAN, ABRAHAM

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In reply please  
refer to: 3018

JUL 29 1944

Dear Mrs. Gleitman:

I have your letter of July 14, 1944, and its enclosure, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in bringing your husband from Italy to the United States.

Your desire to have your husband 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 in 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 husband is not included in this group, and if you are interested in having him 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

Mrs. Eva Gleitman,  
605 West 151st Street,  
New York 31, New York.

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605 West 151 Street

New York 31, N. Y.

July 14, 1944

War Refugee Board

Washington D. C.

To Whom It May Concern:  
(ABRAHAM GLEITMAN)

My Husband, forty-four years of age, of Polish nationality, is at the present time situated somewhere in Italy. He was unable to escape the racial persecution of Europe in 1939 because of the exhaustion of the Polish quota. I, and my two sons, however, were able to flee and come over to this country. When my husband finally was called to the American Consulate at Rome, to receive his Visa, relationship between this country and Italy were broken, the Consulate closed and my husband again could not leave. After being chased from one Concentration camp to another, he was heroically rescued at Campagna di Salerno by the American Fifth Army, with which he has been ever since. We receive news of him from many American officers, who praise him of being a great help to them.

Since our President Roosevelt has authorized One Thousand persecuted to find haven in this country, I am asking you from the bottom of my heart, that you

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kindly give special consideration to this case and  
let my husband be among those of the thousand rescued.

Thanking you ever so much for your kindness,

I will remain humbly Yours,

*Eva Gleitman*

*Please find enclosed one of the letters,  
concerning my husband Abraham  
Gleitman*

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**605 WEST 151st STREET**

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

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**NEW YORK**

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**420 E. 42nd St. New York**

(Sender's complete address shown)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK

Dear Mrs. Gleitman:-

New York  
23 June 1944

Yesterday I received mail from home and in one of the letters from my wife she writes about meeting you. From what she tells me you must be a charming person. I don't believe they was able to tell you much about your husband for I have been a little lax in mentioning him in my letters. I do see your husband quite often as a matter of fact we were out all day together. We passed business with pleasure today for we visited the Swiss Legation to find what could be done about getting him in the queue to be sent to the U. S. or if possible to put him on the preferred list. The information we received was a little vague for there has been no policy set about this since New York. I plan to write a letter in which I describe your husband's case but can provide very little as to its bringing results.

My ideas in doing this is that nothing can be lost and at least we are starting the ball rolling. I suggest that you contact the proper organization or authorities in New York, explaining the case to the best of your knowledge and tell them exactly what I told you. I have been trying very hard to see the right people before we leave the area, but it is a little too soon. Things are a little mixed up here now, but they promised to do whatever they can for your husband. It seems the Polish legation is the only one that can help him for he seems to be a citizen of that country.

He is a little clumsy to learn English, but at every opportunity that presents itself, I try to give him a lesson. If possible, I would like you to give me more information about the situation here and the treatment surrounding it. My wife's letter containing the clipping did not mention you, so it will be a good idea to state the facts in a letter to me. Wishing you the best of luck and success.

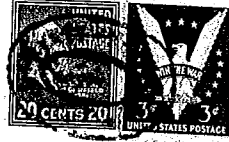
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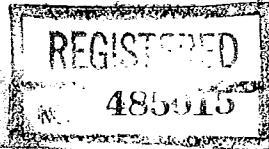
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