Requests for Specific Aid: Greenspoon, Martin
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     Hungary, Relatives in
     Visa, Held for America

TO: President Roosevelt

FROM: Martin Greenstein

SUMMARY: Letter 3/25/44, #554 requesting assistance for his family in Hungary and that #554#554#554 warning be given #554.

FILED: GREENSTEIN, MARTIN

REMARKS: FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL

CORRESPONDENCE REFERENCE FORM
Dear Mr. Greenstein:

Your letter of January 30, 1944, addressed to the President has been referred to this office. You have requested the assistance of the War Refugee Board in helping certain members of your family in Czechoslovakia.

I think that you will understand that the task of the Board is so great that of necessity it will have to confine itself to projects involving the relief or rescue of groups of persons and that it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing any specific individuals. I suggest that you communicate with the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, 425 Lafayette Street, New York, N. Y., which organization, I am advised, is in a position to be of help in cases such as yours.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Martin Greenstein,
2509 Le Moyne Street,
Chicago, Illinois.
Respectfully referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for such acknowledgment as may be deemed appropriate.

Attention: Mr. John W. Pehle.

N. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk
January 30, 1944

Honorarble President Roosevelt,
War Refugee Board.

Dear Sir:

I am an American citizen, having come from Czechoslovakia nearly eight years ago.
I left in Czechoslovakia at that time a wife and four small children. The oldest at present is fifteen years of age.
On December 11, 1941, I received a letter from the Department of State, Washington, saying that a visa had been approved for my wife and four children. They also had their passport and were ready to leave for America when the war broke out.

The Department of State letter number 811311 is VD 811 111 Ruskendin, Framon. This part of Czechoslovakia is at present in the hands of Hungary.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
I would like to know from the War Refugee Board whether the appointed officials in the closest neutral country to them can possibly do something for them. They presumably lack a passport and require granted permission to leave the country.

I would appreciate it to the fullest extent if they the War Refugee Board could do something for them so as to bring them to a neutral country and eventually after the war to America. I thank you in advance.

Respectfully Yours,

Martin Greenstein
2609 S. Wayne St.
Chicago, Illinois.