

Requests for Specific Aid: Grosser, Ingeborg

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Dear Miss Grosser:

Since my letter of February 22, 1944, the War Refugee Board, in collaboration with the Department of State, has developed a special program calculated to benefit certain categories of persons in enemy territory. These are the parents, spouses, and unmarried minor children of United States citizens and the wives and unmarried minor children of resident aliens. While your letter to us did not indicate the degree of relationship or the whereabouts of your relatives in Europe, this program may be of interest to you.

While no assurances can be given as to the success of the plan, I suggest that, if your relatives fall within any of the categories mentioned above and are in enemy-controlled territory, you promptly file with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a petition to establish them as persons entitled to non-quota or preference quota status as relatives of an American citizen or resident alien, whichever the case may be. The petition should be accompanied by a letter stating that it is being filed at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board.

Copies of two forms, one for the use of United States citizens, the other for the use of resident aliens, are enclosed for your convenience. It may be advisable in connection with filling out these forms for you to consult with the Unitarian Service Committee, 25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Since this program is based upon the statutes relating to the issuance of non-quota and preference quota immigration visas, it does not extend to other categories of relatives of American citizens or resident aliens.

Very truly yours,

~~Signed~~ J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Ingeborg Grosser, R. N.,
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Boston, Massachusetts.

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OCT 25 1944

Dear Miss Grosser:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 21, 1944 and its enclosure. As I advised you in my letter of October 8, 1944 your petition should be filed with the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, together with an accompanying letter, stating that you are filing the petition at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board. For this reason I am returning the petition which constituted the enclosure above-mentioned.

We cannot undertake to pass upon the sufficiency of the petition and suggest that you may wish to consult, in this connection, the Boston office of the Unitarian Service Committee or some other private organization concerned with immigration matters.

Very truly yours,

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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Enclosure

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Dear Mr. Pehle,

Thank you very much for your letter and kind information in regard to the handling of my parents preferred quota immigration. I am enclosing the form which is filled out to the best of my knowledge. I am sure that there are many other things we will have to do in order to comply with the requirements of the immigration regulations. I would therefore very much appreciate hearing you tell me what the next step would be. I do not believe that I earn enough to be the only source of an applicant's funds who is an American citizen promised to help.

Thank you again for your kind help and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Ingeborg Grassie, R.N.

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In reply please
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Dear Miss Grosser:

Reference is made to your recent letter requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in saving certain of your relatives in Europe from Nazi persecution.

I think you will understand that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing any specific individuals. We shall, of course, do everything in our power to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

I suggest that you may wish to refer your particular case to a private organization. There is enclosed a list of some of the organizations which I am advised may be in a position to be of some help to you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
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Enclosure.

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To the
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

only recently was this Board brought to my attention
and since I still have very close relatives in Europe who are war refugees
I would very much appreciate your information in regards the possibility
of aiding their emigration; though your organization is fairly new, there
may be some assistance possible from you to them.

I am not a citizen as yet, but my application for the
citizenship has been filed and should be granted shortly.

Looking forward to your answer, I wish to remain,

Dear Sir, yours,

Ingeborg Grosser, R.N.

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