

Requests for Specific Aid: Gumpel, Berthold

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Gumpel:

I have your letter of September 12, 1944, concerning the plight of your wife and children in enemy territory.

The War Refugee Board, in collaboration with the Department of State, has recently worked out a program calculated to bring relief to certain categories of persons in enemy territory, including the wives and unmarried minor children of American citizens and resident aliens. While no assurances can be given as to the success of the plan, I suggest that you promptly file with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a petition to establish your wife and children as persons entitled to non-quota or preference-quota visas as the wife and unmarried minor children of a United States citizen or a resident alien, whichever may be the case. Your petition should be accompanied by a letter stating that you are filing it at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board.

I am enclosing for your convenience copies of two forms, one to be used if you are an American citizen and the other to be used if you are not. It may be advisable in connection with filling out the enclosed forms for you to consult with the National Refugee Service, 139 Centre Street, New York, N.Y., the Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society, 425 Lafayette Street, New York, N.Y., or the National Council of Jewish Women, 1819 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

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Mr. Berthold Gumpel,
256 West 70th Street,
New York 23, New York.

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Enclosures.

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BERTHOLD GUMPEL
256 West 70th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

September 12, 1944

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War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Att. Mr. John W. Pehle.

In 1936 I left Hamburg Germany and resided with my wife and 3 children in Antwerp-Belgium until December 1938, when I sailed for New York, as a result of a business transaction.

I entered New York, December 23, 1938 and have lived here since then, except for a trip to Cuba on May 31, 1941 to re-enter the United States on an immigration visa. I returned to New York on June 13, 1941.

My family has not been able to join me, because of the War. It is my understanding that they were moving to a neutral country in order to obtain the necessary immigration visa, but were detained at the frontier between occupied and unoccupied France by the Germans and taken into the concentration camp

"CAMP DE LALANDE PAR MONTS, INDRE ET LOIRE.

My wife and oldest son Kurt were sent to Poland ~~whereas~~ whereas the 2 little ones had to remain in Camp de Lalande.

Since that time, about 2½ years ago, I had no words from my family and if you would have the possibility to locate my wife and children I really would be thankful.

The names and dates of my family you will find below.

I remain,

With my best thanks for your kind attention,

Respectfully yours

Berthold Gumpel
Berthold Gumpel

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| Gertrud Gumpel | wife | born | 11/8/1898 | in Hamburg | { sent to |
| Kurt Gumpel | son | " | 3/10/1924 | " Nuernberg | |
| Felicitas Gumpel | daughter | " | 4/9/1929 | " Hamburg | { still in camp |
| Thomas Gumpel | son | " | 1/15/1931 | " " | |

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