Requests for Special Aid: Isaac, Hanna (Mrs.)
In reply please refer to: 9994

Dear Mrs. Israel:

I have your letter of July 10, 1944, requesting information as to the possibility of communicating with your father through a friend in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

It would appear that the matter under reference comes within the Jurisdiction of the Treasury Department, Foreign Funds Control. Accordingly, I am referring your letter to them with the request that they communicate directly with you.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
J. W. Gehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Hanna Israel,
230 West 107th Street,

[Date: 7-28-44]
Gentlemen:

May I ask you to give me some advice regarding the following situation:

My parents, Karl Jacoby born in Koenigsberg, Germany, 2-24-1877 and Bertha Jacoby nee Levi born in Bremen, Germany 5-2-1879, were living in Shanghai, China 2032 Ave, Joffre since January 1941. I did not get any word from them since the outbreak of the war. I tried to communicate with them through the Red Cross but without success. Few days ago I learned from a cousin of mine, Miss Jennette Meyerstein living in London, England, that my mother had died already in November 1942. I do not know from what source my cousin obtained this information.

I was advised to get in touch with my father through a friend of mine in Buenos Aires, Argentine. My friend would also be ready to forward some money to my father who is - as I presume - completely destitute. As I do not want to do anything illegal or improper, I would like to have your opinion on the advisability of this mode of communication.

Thanking you very much for your friendly efforts I remain,

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) Mrs. Hanna Israel