

Reports for Specific Aid: JOSEPH, FRANZ M.

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MAY 24 1945

Dear Mr. Joseph:

I have your letter of May 11, 1945, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in locating your mother and in helping her to immigrate to this country.

I am sorry that the Board cannot undertake to handle inquiries concerning specific individuals. I suggest, however, that you may wish to ask your local Red Cross Chapter to help you to send a message of inquiry through the International Red Cross in an effort to learn the whereabouts of your mother.

The principal aim of the Board's special visa program was to afford close relatives of citizens or resident aliens of the United States likely to be victims of enemy persecution such protection as might be afforded by the knowledge of German authorities that American consuls were authorized to issue United States immigration visas to them and that they were eligible for exchange. The capitulation of the German armies and the resultant disappearance of enemy control in European areas have removed the need for the protection which this program sought to obtain for detainees in the hands of the Germans. In the future, these cases should be handled under the regular immigration procedure.

Very truly yours,

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May 11, 1945

John W. Pehle, Esq.
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Re: Mrs. Anna Joseph

Dear Mr. Pehle:

On October 2, 1944, I submitted to you--through the National Refugee Service, Inc.--Petition for Issuance of an Immigration Visa (Form 633) for my mother, Mrs. Anna Joseph, who was brought to Theresienstadt by the Nazis.

By letter dated November 20, 1944, the Department of State informed me that the visa petition was approved and that my mother was accorded preference status but that no action could be taken at that time as no American consular visa services were available in enemy and enemy occupied territories.

By letter dated December 2, 1944, you informed me that the War Refugee Board has requested United States representatives abroad to transmit this information to neutral governments and, through them, to appropriate enemy authorities. You also stated that this might possibly facilitate my mother's departure from enemy territory to a place where she might reach an American consular office.

The Czechoslovak Jewish Representative Committee informed me by letter dated January 17, 1945, that they had just received from a neutral country a list of persons interned in Terezin and that the list included Mrs. Anna Josef, residing in Terezin at L. 306.

In view of the termination of hostilities in Europe and the occupation of Czechoslovakia, may I enlist your aid in locating my mother at this time, advising her of the immigration visa which has been granted, and helping her to reach the nearest American consular office.

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Please accept my sincere thanks for anything
you may be able to accomplish in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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Dear Mr. Joseph:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 30, 1944, concerning your petition for an immigration visa for your mother, Mrs. Anna Joseph, who is interned at Theresienstadt.

I am pleased to inform you that, under the special program developed by the Board, in collaboration with the Departments of State and of Justice, the Board, upon being informed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the approval of your petition, has requested United States representatives abroad to transmit this information to neutral governments and, through them, to appropriate enemy authorities.

While no assurance can be given as to the extent to which this special procedure would in fact benefit the persons covered thereby, it pursues the twofold purpose of affording protection for victims of enemy persecution while in enemy territory and of possibly facilitating their departure from enemy territory to a place where they could reach an American consular office.

Very truly yours,

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November 30, 1944

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service is available in enemy and enemy occupied
territories.

I therefore ask you whether there is any
means of bringing my mother from Theresienstadt
to a country where she can reach an American con-
sular office.

Please accept in advance my sincere
thanks for anything you might be able to do in
this matter.

Cordially yours,

F. M. Joseph

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