

Requests for Specific Aid: KAHN, ARNO

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Dear Mr. Kahn:

I have your letter of January 18, 1945, concerning your desire to have your parents immigrate to Palestine.

I regret that, beyond our general efforts to obtain protection for persons in enemy territory who are the victims of enemy persecution, there is no specific action which the Board can take to assist your parents in utilizing their Palestine immigration certificates. I am informed, however, that individuals desiring to have persons in whom they are interested considered for exchange for Germans held in Palestine, should communicate with the Commissioner of Migration and Statistics at Jerusalem.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

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January 18, 1945

United States War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Re: My parents George Kahn and Rosa Kahn  
nee Spengenthal last interned at  
Camp Westerbork, Holland, Barrack 84

I would like to know if you could be of help to me in connection with my parents who were last interned at the above address. The last time I heard from them was by a Red Cross letter dated November 15, 1943. In that letter they told me they were to be sent away. Red Cross mail addressed to them since that date has been returned with the remark "Arbeitseinsatz Deutschland".

Meanwhile, I heard from new arrivals at Palestine who were with my parents at the same camp that my parents had been deported together with a group of about 300 other people.

I am informed by relatives of mine who are residing in Palestine that the Jewish Agency of Palestine has cabled to the International Red Cross Committee, Geneva, Switzerland under dates of July 12, 1943 and July 21, 1943 the numbers of Palestine certificates which were issued for my parents in order to have them come to Palestine.

In the cables of July 12 and July 21, 1943 the Jewish Agency stated a former address of my parents since this agency did not know at that time that my parents were interned in Westerbork. However, on August 25, 1943 the Jewish Agency cabled the International Red Cross, Committee, Geneva, Switzerland the Westerbork address of my parents and referred in the same cable to the two cables previously sent.

I realize that normally you do not take care of such individual cases. However, I wonder whether you could see your way clear to make an exception in this case which is so far advanced because my parents are already lined up for immigration into Palestine. Since all papers were issued for them to immigrate to Palestine, I would appreciate it, if under these circumstances, you would assist me to help my parents get to Palestine.

Assuring you of my great appreciation and awaiting to hear from you,  
I am

Respectfully yours,

*Arno Kahn*

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