Request for Specific Aid: KLARMANN, MARCEL
Dear Mr. Klaremann,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 3, 1944.

The War Refugee Board has been set up for the sole purpose of aiding in the relief and rescue of persons in imminent danger of death from the enemy. Since your brother-in-law, according to your letter, resides in liberated French territory, his case does not come within the province of the Board.

With regard to renewing your brother-in-law's immigration visa and eventual transportation for him, you may wish to consult one of the associations specializing in aid to immigrants, such as the National Refugee Service, 139 Centre Street, New York, or the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, 425 Lafayette Street, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pohls
J. W. Pohls,
Executive Director.

Mr. Marcel Klaremann,
24 Laurel Hill Terrace,
New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
New York, September 2, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

According to the Communiqué of the American High Command of August 31, American troops have occupied Nice in Southern France.

I suppose that my brother-in-law Guillaume Grundler is still living there under the old address 25 Rue Massena, his last letter having been dated December 10, 1943.

As the Department of State has already given advisory approval for the issuance of an immigration visa to him I respectfully apply to include him in the list of the refugees to be transferred to the United States.

Very truly yours

Marcel Klarmann
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Dear Sir,

I thank you very much indeed for your letter of March 24.

Yesterday I received through the American Red Cross a letter from my brother-in-law dated Nice, December 10, 1943 which shows that he is still living at the old address:
25, Rue Massena, Nice (Unoccupied France).

Very truly yours
Marcel Klarmann
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In reply please refer to: 337

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Dear Mr. Klarmann:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 28, 1944, enclosing a letter dated February 17, 1944, from Mr. Travers of the Department of State, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in rescuing your brother-in-law, Guillaume Grundler, from occupied territory.

We have requested the consideration of the Department of State on certain aspects of this problem and will advise you further as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

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New York, February 23, 1944

V.D. 811.111 Grundler, Guillaume

Mr. John Ohle
Acting Director of the War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

On January 31, 1944 I addressed the following letter to the Immigration Division of the Department of State:

"Referring to the board set up by the President of the United States for the rescue of victims of the Axis countries I respectfully submit the case of my brother-in-law, Guillaume Grundler, in Nice, Unoccupied France.

In November 1943 he and my then living mother, Rachel Klarmann, were granted the immigration to the United States, but several days later the relations between U.S.A. and France were broken off.

Some time ago I received a letter from my brother-in-law by the way of the American Red Cross, dated Nice, July 29, 1943, in which he let me know, that my mother had died in the meantime.

I suppose that his address is still the old one: 25, rue Massena, Nice, Unoccupied France."

I received the attached letter of February 12, 1944 and I now respectfully submit the question to your board, in what manner I could help my brother-in-law.

Very truly yours

Marcel Klarmann
In reply refer to VD 811.111 Grundler, Guillaume

February 12, 1944

My dear Mr. Klarmann:

I have your letter of January 31, 1944 regarding the case of your brother-in-law, Guillaume Grundler, who when last heard from in July 1943 was residing in Nice, France.

It is the Department's understanding that the War Refugee Board which has recently been established by the President will find it necessary for the present to confine its activities to the rescue of groups of refugees rather than individual persons. However, if you desire further information in this matter you may, if you wish, communicate with Mr. John Pehle of the Treasury Department who is the acting director of the Board.

Until such time as it may be possible for your brother-in-law to be delivered from Axis-controlled territory there is no action that can be taken with a view to providing him with a visa for admission into the United States as there are no American consular officers stationed in such territory.

If at some future time Mr. Grundler is able to proceed to a country where American consular visa services are available it is suggested that you communicate with the Department and you are assured that you will be appropriately informed regarding the requirements for his entry into the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Howard K. Travers
Chief, Visa Division

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