Requests for Specific Aid: Klein, Saloman, a/o Samuel, a/o Moses, a/o Elias, a/o Arthur.
Dear Messrs. Klein:

I have your letter of June 21, 1945, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in locating your father, Simcha Klein, his wife, and your brother, Isaac Klein.

It is regretted that the Board is not in a position to handle inquiries of this nature. It is my understanding that, because of the very limited facilities for communicating with certain newly liberated areas, the most satisfactory channel for obtaining information of this kind is through the Red Cross. Accordingly, I suggest that you ask your local Red Cross chapter to help you in your efforts to learn the present whereabouts and welfare of these relatives.

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel
Assistant Executive Director

Messrs. Solomon, Samuel, Moses, Elies, and Arthur Klein,
80 De Kalb Avenue,
Brooklyn 1, New York.
June 21, 1945

War Refugees Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We have been informed, and are well aware of the commendable results your offices have met with in conjunction with tracing refugees in war torn Europe.

We are especially interested in this particular field of your endeavor, as we are at this time most concerned in locating our father, Simcha Klein, and our brother, Isaac Klein, who is the last, and only one of our six brothers not fortunate enough to reach the United States of America.

Our brother-in-law, Marcus Fischhoff, now in Buchenwald, Germany, wrote us recently informing us as follows:

Our father, Simcha Klein (born in Vienna 1885), and his wife, were last heard from in October, 1944 from Krakow, Poland.

Our brother, Isaac Klein (born in Vienna 1923) was in Pressburg (Bratislava), Czechoslovakia the early part of 1944. In July or August of 1944, he was known to be in a concentration camp in Auswitch, Poland, and from that point, he was last heard of in February, 1945 from Braunschweig, Germany, working in an "Arbeitkommando" (factory). From that point on, he was lost track of.

It is only because of our frustrated efforts towards determining the final, and present destination of our father and brother, and we appeal to you at this time to trace them to their present address.
The five of us, with our two sisters and families, arrived during the years 1938 to 1939, and we brothers are now American citizens.

We are executives, and chief stock-holders of Barton, Inc. and Barton's Bonbonniere, Inc., a candy manufacturing, and retail shop establishment, consisting of a factory, and eight stores in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Our sisters, Sophie Plagman, and Rosa Kornmehl are also American citizens.

We ask again that you please instruct your valuable offices towards tracing our father, his wife, and our brother, and would appreciate if you would call on us for any additional assistance, or information you may require.

Very truly yours,

Solomon Klein
Samuel Klein
Moses Klein
Elias Klein
Arthur Klein