

Requests for Specific Aid: KNAPP, HENRY

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SEP 28 1944

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 25, 1944.

The program referred to in my letter of September 16 was devised just to eliminate the difficulty you describe. If Mr. Knapp will file the form transmitted with my previous letter with the Immigration & Naturalization Service at Philadelphia, the Board will be placed in a position to extend to Mr. Knapp's parents whatever benefits the program may offer.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Fehle,  
Executive Director.

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September 25, 1944

John W. Pehle, Executive Director  
of War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to yours of the 16th inst. concerning our communication written on behalf of Mr. Henry Knapp. Mr. Knapp has already filed with the Department of State, petition for issuance of immigration visa on behalf of his parents, Wilhelm and Johanna Knapp and his brother, Rudolph Knapp. It is our understanding that from the Chief of the Visa Division of the Department of State that no further action can be taken until the parents are located in Germany and until the United States has consular officers there before whom the applicants could appear.

Would it be possible for you to take some action through your board in assisting in locating these refugees so that consideration of their case may be expedited.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are,

Very truly yours,

*W. J. Haft*  
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Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 13, 1944.

The Board has recently worked out a program in collaboration with the Department of State which is calculated to aid in the rescue and relief of the spouses, unmarried minor children, and parents of American citizens in enemy controlled areas. We suggest that Mr. Knapp promptly fill out, execute, and file the enclosed form with the Naturalization and Immigration Service, Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He should advise the Naturalization and Immigration Service that he is filing such form at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board.

You may assure Mr. Knapp that the Board has been doing, and will continue to do, everything within its power to aid the victims of enemy persecution, and that it sincerely hopes that his parents have been aided by its programs.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,  
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Enclosure.

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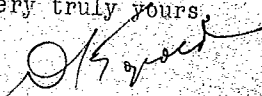
Mr. John Pehle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are writing on behalf of Mr. Henry Knapp of this village. Mr. Knapp is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He has made application to the Department of State petitioning for immigration visas for his father, Wilhelm Knapp, his mother Johanna Knapp and his brother Rudolph Knapp. When he last heard from them, they were living in Mainz, Germany. He had written to the American Consul at Stuttgart, Germany on September 6, 1940 seeking visas, but his parents and brother's numbers could not be reached until we had gone to war with Germany.

He states that his mother was considered Jewish by the Nazi authorities and that therefore his family was persecuted because his father refused to abandon his mother. He feels that his parents are properly considered refugees from Nazi oppression and wishes to know if your Board may assist him, in bringing them to this country. He is fully able financially and willing to become responsible for their care and maintenance. Will you kindly advise what steps may be taken to assist his accomplishing the purpose of bringing his parents and brother to this country as refugees.

Very truly yours,

  
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