Requests for Specific Aid: Koehler, Milton S.
Dear Mr. Koblitz:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 28, 1945, concerning the case of Mrs. Herta Meyer, who is presently residing in Mexico.

As pointed out in my earlier letter, it is the Board's task to rescue those persons in enemy territory, who, as the victims of enemy persecution, are in imminent danger of death. Since Mrs. Meyer is safe in a friendly country, her case does not come within the jurisdiction of the Board, and there is no way in which the Board could assist in this problem.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer
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Dear Mr. O'Dwyer,

RE VESSEY, III

I want you to see that the Hon. Harry Luce, D.C. is undertaking to implement your request to Congress, by which I also realize that you will be up against the head of the State Department personnel-who seem to havetrak a return to status quo and stand firm on the rotten feeling of delay to entail all of the door of the State Dept. History could of affairs at - resolved and in Washington may be even the blood

May I call your attention to a specific case of a resubmission from bloody Germany-the above alien-an exotic vis a vis her husband got an emergency visa to Mexico-where the husband departed and just died leaving the desolate alien Mrs. Vessa Yorke, whose daughter resides in Los Angeles and is an American citizen as also is her husband, a victim of an essential war industry. The daughter is Mrs. Marion J. Estes, 100 So. Oakmont, Beverly Hills, Cali. These instances and without charge of any kind I am seeking to find the course in an immigration visa of the mother-these cases were heard under the above caption Nov. 20th after months of delay and after another three months the visa was rejected with permission to file again in six months with which delays mean another year before results-and meanwhile we have little hope this WAR RESCUE will be alive. Surely no question of national security is involved here-certainly I have a right to suspect intolerance and prejudice everywhere. Realization of your office might include interference here by any I ask of you to use this office to act at the request of this case, I personally cannot back the State Department after a year ask, Sec. State the great Commoner William J. Bryan, gave up in disgust and I expect to see a splendid Mr. Stettinius will also succeed in or the remains for the car-fear diplomat the "SSF, Joo, C. Grow some time with his SHARKING are of stratification and status quo as the protector of foreign affairs. Please write me if you have any help in this tragic situation.

Sincerely yours,

Milton S. Koblitz
Dear Mr. Koblitz:

Thank you for your letter of February 7, 1945, concerning my recent appointment as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

I wish to assure you that the Board is doing and will continue to do everything in its power to rescue the victims of enemy persecution who are in imminent danger of death and to give them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

Your concern and interest in matters pertaining to refugees are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Executive Director

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This letter is PERSONAL.

Gent. Gen. William O'NIEL, 
Executive Director, WAR REFUGEE BOARD, WASHINGTON, D.C. 

Your Honor.

I have read with considerable interest the account in the P.N. Feb. 1st-edition about your program head of the WAR REFUGEE BOARD. It is a source of genuine satisfaction to at least know that your appointment means that our promotion efforts with regard to the problem of war refugees will be carried out.

After ten years of grueling experience always without fees or any compensation in refugee work before the Immigration and State Departments I can testify that your every effort will be sabotaged by the State Department acting as the Agency for our President and contrary to his expressed aims and wishes in this field.

To find substantiation in my charges please have a survey made of evidence before the Interdepartmental Review Committees of the Visa Section. You need not read all cases simply select a few at random. You will learn how the President's plans are being frustrated. A large number of cases are Jewish refugees cases in which any suspicion of security can be eliminated per se and yet parents are denied reunion with their children over here and visa because the adjoint of those committees are anti-Jewish and have racist intolerances that make them unfit to sit in judgment. I will send you names of parents aged Jews living in Mexico and elsewhere denied admission to join their children here permanently just because they are Jews and to the members of these committees (other than State and Immigration members) a Jew is a symptom of danger to national security if admitted. Hon. Sen. Emanuel Celler and he will support my charges and without reservation. I will be happy to come to Washington or New York at my own expense and without the slightest obligation to discuss this matter with you. Please do not give this letter the usual departmental "brush off". I am a member of the bar of the U.S Supreme Court, N.Y. (1907), California (1904), Kentucky and Virginia. I am entitled to have you listen to me in so far as it may affect your duties. Please are you not tonight letter collect your reaction to my letter? I remain Respectfully.

Hilton S. Koblitz