Requests in Specific Area: Kruse, William H.
Dear Mr. Kruse:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of March 11, 1945, concerning the difficulties which you are encountering in your efforts to acquire the status of a legal immigrant.

While the War Refugee Board is sympathetic to the unfortunate position in which you now find yourself, it is regretted that there is no action which it can take in your behalf. I am confident, however, that the private agency to which you refer in your letter will do everything that can be done to assist you in the solution of your problem.

Very truly yours,

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. William H. Kruse,
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New York, New York.
Dear Mr. Roosevelt,

I don't see a way out of my rather difficult position. But to ask you for advice, knowing you well informed in these particular matters I'm referring to. Well let's come to the point. I entered the U.S. in 1937 illegally, and since I wasn't able to apply and my native Germany for a passport you might as well call me a refugee. Needless to say I'd like to add that I was opposed to the present regime in Germany.

In 1940 I married a native American from a family with no foreign ties. It was a love match that we are very happy.

Roughly as in 1938 I have been registered with the American Mission Refuge Committee, 54 Centre Street, N.Y.C. I tried desperately to make my stay in the U.S. legal but without lodging, without sufficient sponsors, it seems almost impossible.
I'm 34 years of age + you will understand without the necessary legal papers it is rather difficult to start any kind of business or to get a good position. What will happen to me after the war when there is a lot of competition for a position? And if it seems my outlook towards the future is rather gloomy.

I love the United States + may I feel home here. I can't imagine me ever leaving, without leaving my native country which is dear to me. I have adjusted myself to such an extent + my new environment, that even my native learning would seem like a foreign country.

I'm sure you could help me somehow. I'll follow your advice knowing they are the best ones I could possibly get from any person.

References of my character + personality could be easily furnished by my relatives, friends, Refugee Committee + my present employer.

May I assure you that I appreciate all the efforts you make in my behalf.

Yours very truly yours,

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