

Requests for Specific Aid; KRUSE, WILLIAM H.

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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,

(Faint signature)

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

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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. A. in '38 illegally, and since I wasn't able to apply in my native Germany for a passport you might as well call me a refugee. Needless of course 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 Government match & we are very happy.

As early as in 1938 I have been registered with the American Christian Refugee Committee 139 Centre Street N. Y. C. I tried desperately to make my stay in the U. S. A. legal. But without backing, without sufficient sponsors, it seems almost impossible.

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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? Now I see my outlook toward the future is rather gloomy.

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

I'm sure you could help me somehow. I'll will follow your advice knowing they are the best one 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.

I remain very truly yours

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