Request for Specific Aid: Feirovitch, Solomon
Dear Mr. Leibovitch:

I have your letter of December 7, 1944, concerning your desire to have your family immigrate to the United States from Bulgaria.

The Board was created solely for the purpose of rescuing and bringing relief to victims of enemy persecution in imminent danger of death. As Bulgaria is now under Allied occupation and the lives of persons residing there are no longer in danger from the enemy, the Board is not able to be of any further service to them.

I suggest that you communicate with the Visa Division of the Department of State concerning the procedure necessary in order to bring your family to this country.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Solomon Leibovitch,
1800 - H Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.
Mr. F. W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle,

I was very happy to receive your letter concerning the safety and the whereabouts of my wife and children. I appreciate your efforts in this matter and your kindness in notifying me.

When the United States entered the war, my family was about to emigrate to this country. Visas had been issued to them by the State Department in November, 1941. I should like to know whether there is any possibility now of bringing them here. Should there be any such possibility I am prepared to pay all expenses involved.

I shall be deeply grateful for any information you may be able to give me.

Very truly Yours,
Solomon Leibovitch
Reference your 2276 of November 30.

Information contained in paragraph one of your cable has been conveyed to Solomon Leibovitch.

Procedure set out in Department's 665 of July 29, item four, is strictly confined to persons actually in enemy-held territory. It has been undertaken for the double purpose of affording some measure of protection to such persons while under enemy control and of possibly facilitating their departure from enemy to neutral territory.

The extension of this or a similar procedure to persons in territories liberated or occupied by United Nations forces is a matter for the Department of State, and its attention has been called to your suggestion.
CABLE TO AMBASSADOR ASHARA FOR KATXI

Reference your 2876 of November 30.
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THIS IS THE AMBASSADOR CABLE No. 133.

10:00 a.m.
December 6, 1944
Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DiBois, Friedman, Hodel, Hannon, McCormack, Files

Baksim: Hodel:ish 12-6-44 AAG.
Dear Mr. Leibovitch:

The War Refugee Board Representative in Ankara, Turkey, has communicated with us with respect to your inquiry concerning your wife and children in Bulgaria. He has asked us to advise you that the information obtained by him indicates that your wife and children are all well and are residing at Lozenetz Dimkotzef 59, Sofia.

I am happy to be able to give you this information.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Solomon Leibovitch,
1800 - U Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INCOMING TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

DEPT-22

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Ankara

Date: November 30, 1944

Reg'd 5:35 P.M., 30th

Secretary of State,

Washington.

2376, November 30, 12 noon

FROM KITCH TO PELLE WAR REFUGEE BOARD, Ankaras

No. 186

Solomon Leibovitch, 1800 9th Street NW, Washington

wrote us direct concerning his wife Olga and children

Elia Pion and Marco in Bulgaria. Please advise him

that we have made inquiry and have been informed that

they are well and residing at Losnitz, Biskoteka 50

Sofia.

Leibovitch wrote that the State Department had cabled

Jaffe in 1941 authorizing the issuance of visas for

his family but that due to war conditions they were

unable to emigrate. If you are able to verify this we

might attempt the experiment mentioned in paragraph 4

of Department's telegram 165 State's 80. Should this not

be feasible at this time you might wish to advise one

of the private agencies regarding this case.

With the

CONTROL COPY
With the establishment of American political missions in Bucharest and Sofia you might wish to inquire whether it is in order to transmit to the respective missions lists of persons in Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey for whom advisory approvals had been authorized by the Visa Division but whose emigration was halted because of war conditions. My recollection is that such lists were being prepared by the local or the International private organizations. If this is not feasible the lists might be transmitted to the American Consulate General in Istanbul or turn over to the private agencies. Emigration to the United States in these instances where visas have been authorized will be helpful in keeping Palestine emigration certificates free for use in rescue operations elsewhere.

Please advise me of the action you take.

STEINHARDT
Mr. Ira Hirschmann,
Repres. Of The War Refugee Board,
Ankara, Turkey.

Dear Sir:

Having sent many messages through the Red Cross to my Family, and receiving no reply; I wonder if it would be possible for you to obtain any information regarding them.

The last I heard was in 1941, (two weeks before Pearl Harbor), the State Dept. telegraphed to the American Consulate in Sofia, Bulgaria, to give my wife (Olga Leibovitch, and two children, Marco, 7 years old, and Lili, 2 years old, (ages at that time) ), a Visa to come to the United States. Due to War Conditions it was cancelled.

Their address at that time was Positano, 17, Sofia, Bulgaria.

I assume they may be in Samokov, a small Village, near Sofia.

Please be confident that any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,

Solomon Leibovitch

1800 M. St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

L/t