

Requests for Specific Aid: LEIBOVITCH, SOLOMON

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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 - M Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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Washington La Salle du Bois

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
December 7, 1944

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

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December 7, 1944  
7 p.m.

*W. H. Parks*

AMEMBASSY

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ANKARA

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Reference your 2276 of November 30.

For security reasons the text of this message must be closely guarded.

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.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72  
By R. H. Parks Date SEP 11 1972

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CABLE TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA FOR KAT?KI

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 28, 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.

THIS IS WRB ANKARA CABLE NO. 133. <sup>X</sup>

10:00 a.m.  
December 6, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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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 Dimkotzeff 59, Sofia.

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

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Solomon Leibovitch,  
1800 - M Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

*JW* See cable No. 2276 from Ankara of  
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Ankara

Dated November 30, 1944

Rec'd 5:35 p.m., 30th

*Wanted*  
*By ( )*  
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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

2276, November 30, 12 Noon

FROM KATZHI TO PELE WAR REFUGEE BOARD. Ankara's  
No. 196

Solomon Leibovitch, 1800 K Street NW., Washington  
wrote us direct concerning his wife Olga and children  
Bill Hion and Marco in Bulgaria. Please advise him  
that we have made inquiry and have been informed that  
all are well and residing at Lozenetz Dimkotzeff 58  
Sofia.

Leibovitch wrote that the State Department had cabled  
Sofia 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 #65 WRB's 85. Should this not  
be feasible at this time you might wish to advise one  
of the private agencies regarding this case.

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2-#2278, November 30, 12 Noon, from Ankara

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 Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary 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 Board or the interested 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 those 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.

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1800 M. St. N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
August 28, 1944

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 Vise' 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.

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Answered to WRB by  
cable 11/29

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