

Requests For Specific Aid: LEVINGTON, AARON

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Dear Mr. Levinstone:

I have your letter of June 21, 1944, written in the interest of an acquaintance of your whose relatives in Uganda, East Africa, are refugees from Poland.

With regard to your inquiry as to the possibility of these people being included in the group of refugees to be brought to the Emergency Refugee Shelter being established at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, I am enclosing for your general information copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum to the agency heads concerned in the execution of the plan. You will note that the persons to be given asylum in the shelter will be refugees who have fled from their homelands to Southern Italy, and they will be brought here outside of the regular immigration procedure under an arrangement which provides that they will be returned to their homes at the end of the war.

Since it appears that the real objective in the case in which you are interested is to have the persons concerned come to the United States as legal immigrants, I suggest that you write to the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for information regarding the procedure to be followed.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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June 21, 1944

Honorable J. W. Noble, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director:

A resident of the City of Newark, New Jersey whom I know for quite a few years as a respectable business man in our community, came to me and told me the following:

He has a father who is sixty years old and a mother who is twenty-one years old, as well as a sister who has two small children. They are originally from Poland and after they landed in Russia, they were later sent to Uganda East Africa. The husband of the sister is a soldier in the Polish army, fighting with the allies in the middle east. The brother is employed by the British government in Uganda.

I would like to know the following:

1. Is it possible that any of these people could be included in the one thousand that the President has informed the Congress about?
2. If not, does the government contemplate to have additional refugees brought here after the one thousand have been selected or brought here?
3. Can you inform me whether these people, in their status as described above, could be brought here by the general immigration provisions of affidavit, etc.

I may be able to help the family of these people are in good financial status and will be able to spend the necessary amounts if required for the voyage, etc., and will also take care of these people when they come to this country so that they will not be a burden on the community.

I will greatly appreciate your kind information at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I beg to remain

Respectfully yours,

Aaron Levinstone

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