Requests for Special Aid: Levy, Raymond Joseph (RJ)
Dear Private Levy:

Your letters of February 23 and March 19, 1944, to Senator Wagner and the Secretary of State, respectively, concerning the possibility of aiding your parents to escape from occupied territory, have been referred to me.

Your appeal for assistance in rescuing your parents from the Nazis meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I am sure you will understand, however, that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing specific individuals. We shall, of course, do everything in our power to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

I suggest that you may wish to refer your problem to a private organization. There is enclosed a list of some of the organizations which I am advised may be in a position to be of some help to you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Pvt. Raymond Joseph Levy, A.S.C., 32802963,
Oliver General Hospital,
Augusta, Georgia.

Enclosure.

(Handwritten note: RRHutchison:agr 4-24-44)
TO:  TAR REFUGEE BOARD - MR. PEHLE
FROM:  TREASURY DEPT. - MR. WARREN

DATE:  April

SUBJECT:

Attached herewith is a letter from Senator Wagner dated February 26, 1944 with reference to the parents of Private Raymond Levy, who are believed to be at present in Luxembourg.

Also attached is a copy of an acknowledgment written to Senator Wagner by the Secretary of State.

Also attached are a letter from Private Raymond Joseph Levy to Secretary Hull dated March 19, 1944 and a letter from Lieutenant Louis C. Fink, Naturalization Officer, Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia dated March 21, 1944 on behalf of Private Levy.

Attachments:

1. From Senator Wagner
2. To Senator Wagner
3. From Private Raymond Joseph Levy, March 19, 1944
4. From Lieutenant Louis C. Fink, March 21, 1944
Pvt. Raymond Joseph Levy
Cliver General Hospital
Augusta, Ga.

To: The Honorable Cordell Hull
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

As a private in the United States Army, I respectfully submit the following for your consideration:

I was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on May 8, 1921 and came to this country March, 1942, residing in New York City from the day of my arrival until May, 1943 when I was inducted into the Army. In January 1944 I had the very good fortune of becoming an American citizen.

Unfortunately, my parents, who are citizens of Luxembourg, are still in Europe. The latest news about them was from a monastery which has been turned into a concentration camp by the Germans. The address is:

Lucien and Claire Levy - Israel,
Kloster Rammbrunn bei Ulflingen,
Luxembourg.

It is my hope that the State Department recognize this matter as an American affair and obtain the intercession of the representative government in charge of the United States interests in Europe, thereby protecting and making it possible for my parents to leave German occupied territories and to reach a neutral country.

I shall have a furlough in three weeks, during that time I would appreciate an interview by the State Department. Therefore a reply before April 4, 1944 is welcomed.

Any consideration you could give this matter would be greatly appreciated and should any action be taken, I would be forever in your debt.

Respectfully yours,

Raymond Joseph Levy.
The Honorable Cordell Hull
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.
In reply please refer to: 562

My dear Senator:

Your communications of February 26, 1944, to the Department of State, enclosing a letter addressed to you by Private Raymond Joseph Levy, concerning his desire to aid his parents in escaping from occupied territory, has been referred to me.

Because of the tremendous task it faces in effecting the policy of this Government to save and rescue the victims of enemy oppression, one of the Board's first decisions was to confine itself to projects for the rescue of groups of persons. It was felt that, of necessity, the Board could not seek out and rescue specific individuals.

In view of this, I have suggested to Private Levy that he seek the assistance of a private organization in his problem. Established organizations engaged in relief and refugee work have indicated their willingness to cooperate with the Board in cases of this kind. Once a way of escape has been opened up, these private organizations should be able to be of great help in the re-uniting of families and otherwise assisting specific refugees.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Private Levy and, in accordance with your request, am returning his letter to you, a copy having been retained for our files.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

The Honorable Robert Wagner,
United States Senate.
CONGRESSIONAL
For Immediate Attention
AN ANSWER OR ACKNOWLEDGMENT SHOULD
BE MADE WITHIN THREE DAYS PURSUANT
TO DEPARTMENTAL ORDER NO. 571
Respectfully referred to
Mr. H. Travers,
Visa Division,
State Department,
Washington D.C.

with thanks for such favorable consideration as
the communication herewith submitted warrants,
and for a report thereon, to accompany return
of inclosure.

By direction of

[Signature]

U. S. S.
23 February 1944

To: Honorable Robert Wagner, Senator from New York, Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Wagner:

As a Private in the United States Army, I respectfully submit the following for your consideration:

I was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on May 8, 1921 and came to this country in March 1942, residing in New York City from the day of my arrival until May 1943 when I was inducted into the Army. As stated above, I am now a member of the United States Army and a citizen of this country. Unfortunately, my parents, who are citizens of Luxembourg, are still in Europe. The latest news about them was from a monastery which has been turned into a concentration camp by the Germans. The address is: Lucien and Claire Levy, Israel, Kloster Fuenfbrunnen bei Ulflingen, Luxembourg.

Two weeks ago I had the great good fortune to receive my citizenship papers. Since I have spoken to the Public Relations Officer of this post about obtaining the intervention of a neutral government thereby making it possible for my parents to leave German occupied territories and to reach a neutral country, he has submitted my case through army channels. The goal is that the State Department would recognize this as an American affair and transmit it to the representative government in charge of the United States interests in Europe.

I have read so much of your great work in the United States Senate that I am convinced you could be of great assistance in this case.

Any consideration you could give to this matter would be greatly appreciated and should any action be taken, I would be forever in your debt.

Respectfully yours,

Signed: Raymond Joseph Levy
My dear Senator Wagner:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26 transmitting an inquiry from Private Raymond Joseph Levy, concerning his desire to arrange for his parents in Luxemborg to proceed to a neutral country.

I am requesting the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board to communicate direct with you concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable

Robert Wagner,

United States Senate.
In reply please refer to: 880

Dear Lieutenant Fink:

Your letter of March 21, 1944, to the Department of State, concerning Private Levy’s desire to aid his parents in escaping from occupied territory, has been referred to me.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Private Levy, which is, I believe, self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Enclosure.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SPECIAL DIVISION

March 27, 1944,

WRB-

The attached letter from Lieutenant Louis C. Fink concerning the desire of Private Raymond Joseph Levy to arrange for his parents in Luxemborg to proceed to a neutral country is referred to WRB for such action as may be deemed appropriate. Reference is made to the letter dated February 19, 1944 from Lieutenant Fink and a letter dated March 19, 1944 from Private Levy concerning this matter which were also referred to WRB for appropriate attention.

SMP: CP Stout: AT
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Fourth Service Command
Oliver General Hospital
Augusta, Georgia

State Department
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In our letter to you of 19 February 1944 we recited the facts in the case of Private Raymond Joseph Levy, ASN 32909908, now a patient at this hospital. Private Levy is a native of Luxemborg, and desires the assistance of the State Department in communicating with his parents in that country.

The soldier understands that American interest are protected in Luxemborg by the Consul of a neutral country. Since he is now a citizen of this country he wishes to know if it is possible to make contact with his parents through this neutral consul or through other sources. He believes that if contact is made he could arrange for the removal of his parents to another country.

No reply has been received to our letter of 19 February and on the assumption that the letter went astray in the mails we have written you again. Any cooperation which you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS C. FINK
1st Lt, Med Adm C
Naturalization Officer