

Requests for Specific Aid; LUFT, HERBERT

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OCT 18 1944

Dear Mr. Luft:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 11, 1944.

In reply to your question, I regret to inform you that the only persons abroad who may benefit from the special procedure described in my previous letter to you of September 29 are the parents, spouses, and minor unmarried children of American citizens, and wives and minor unmarried children of resident aliens of the United States.

In accordance with your request, an additional copy of Form 633 is attached herewith.

Very truly yours,

*[Faint signature]*

J. W. Pehle,  
Executive Director.

Mr. Herbert Luft,  
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October 11, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith acknowledge your letter of Sept. 29-  
and wish to thank you for your kindest information.

I would appreciate if you could advise me  
in the following matter. Can an American citizen file  
a petition for persons such for instant brother- &  
sister-in-law, to preference quota immigration visas.  
Also wish you would send me another form.

Thank you for your kindest efforts,  
I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*Herbert Luft*

HERBERT LUFT

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SEP 29 1944

Dear Mr. Luft:

Since my recent letter to you, the War Refugee Board, in collaboration with the Department of State, has developed a special program calculated to benefit certain categories of persons in enemy territory. These include, among others, the parents of United States citizens.

While no assurances can be given as to the success of the plan, I suggest that, if you are an American citizen you promptly file with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a petition to establish your parents as persons entitled to preference quota immigration visas as the parents of a United States citizen. Your petition should be accompanied by a letter stating that it is being filed at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board. The necessary form is enclosed for your convenience.

If you are not an American citizen, it is regretted that there is no specific action the Board can take with regard to your parents beyond its general efforts in behalf of victims of Nazi persecution. Please be assured, however, that the Board is doing and will continue to do everything in its power to rescue and protect these people.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

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Executive Director

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Enclosure

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AUG 26 1944

Dear Mr. Luft:

Thank you for your letter of August 19, concerning Hungarian Jewish refugees. I am enclosing a copy of the joint statement issued by the Governments of Great Britain and the United States with respect to the emigration and treatment of Jews in Hungary.

As I explained in my letter of April 22, the magnitude of the Board's task is such that its efforts must of necessity be directed to the rescue of whole groups. However, a number of private organizations are cooperating with the War Refugee Board and rendering a valuable service in problems involving specific individuals. I suggest that you communicate with any of the agencies named in the enclosed list for information as to how you may be of assistance when developments reach the point of actual emigration.

Your interest and desire to help in this work are deeply appreciated. I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to accomplish its humanitarian objectives, and we sincerely hope that the persons in whom you are interested will be among those spared.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

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Executive Director

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Enclosures.

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August 19, 1944

Executive Office of the President  
War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. J. W. Fehle,  
Executive Director

Dear Mr. Fehle:-

Re: 485 - 4-22-1944

I just read in a newspaper an announcement of the State Department in regard to the Hungarian Jews and I am happy to learn that the Governments of this country and Great Britain will take care of the Hungarian Jews as far as they can be transported to neutral- or United Nations territory. It is my desire to contribute to this aim and wish you would inform me if individuals can give Affidavits of Support for these Refugees to ease their situation or to help them in any other way possible.

At this occasion, I wish to bring to your attention that during recent years thousands of older Jewish men and women (most of them over 70 years of age), from Germany, Austria and Poland, were deported to the town of Theresienstadt-Czechoslovakia (Bohemia), among them my own parents. I would like to know if there is a way to send the few who are still alive (most of them already have died in Theresienstadt) through the facilities of the Red Cross to neutral territory, and if it is possible to contribute food, clothes or money to those who are without these necessities.

Thanking you again for the fine work of the War Refugee Board and trusting to hear from you soon, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Herbert Luft*  
HERBERT LUFT

VIA AIR MAIL

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In reply please  
refer to: 486

APR 22 1944

Dear Mr. Luft:

Your letter of February 28, 1944, to the Department of State, concerning the possibility of bringing your relatives from occupied Europe to the United States, has been referred to me.

I think you will understand 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 help to you.

Very truly yours,

Respectfully,  
J. W. Pehle

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Enclosure.

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VSA  
Department of State,  
Chief, Visa Division,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I would appreciate very much if you could advise me in regard to people, and, in particular, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia & Poland etc./ Stateless Jews who are dependent to Americans etc. Could I apply for Immigration visas for my folks, according to the new regulations of the Governmental Refugee Issues Board?

I wish you would inform us to the legal procedure and also advise me about the Agency in charge for dealing with these questions.

Thanking you for your kindest endeavours,  
I remain,

Respectfully yours,  
*Herbert Luft*  
HERBERT LUFT

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