

Requests for Spec. for A.D.: MAAS, JOHN H.

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Dear Mr. Maass:

I have your letter of May 5, 1945, concerning your desire to ascertain the whereabouts and welfare of your mother, who is believed to have been deported from her last known address.

I am sorry that the War Refugee Board cannot undertake to handle inquiries concerning specific individuals. I can, however, suggest two other possible channels for obtaining the desired information. You may ask your local Red Cross chapter to help you to send a message through the International Red Cross, or you may go to any Catholic rectory and ask the priest to arrange for your inquiry to be sent through the Vatican message service. In the latter procedure, it is my understanding that the request will be directed through the Apostolic Delegate in Washington to the Vatican, and that efforts will then be made to locate your mother through the Nunciature and the Catholic clergy.

Very truly yours,

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

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May 5, 1945.

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I should be exceedingly grateful to you if you would kindly help me in tracing and assisting my mother,

Mrs. Franziska Maass, née Moses
born on May 18, 1880, in Solingen,
Germany, German nationality,
last known address: Berlin-Friedenau,
Sieglindestrassse 1, no news received
since Red Cross message of Oct. 29, 1942,
supposed to have been deported.

Quota preference was issued on April 26, 1945, under
V-319926 by the Department of Justice.

At the same time I am applying for help to the Special
War Problems' Division of the State Department.

Thanking you for whatever you can do in this matter,

Respectfully yours,

John H. Maass
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