Requests for Specific Aid: Manual, Sig
My dear Senator LaFollette:

I have your letter of August 4, 1944, enclosing communications from St. German and from the Department of State.

The War Refugee Board does not arrange for the exchange of persons with the German Government. Such orders are contained in their entirety by the Department of State. Under rules prescribed by that Department, persons in the category of Mr. Mandl's sister and her family are not eligible for exchange.

Please be assured, however, that the War Refugee Board is doing and will continue to do everything within its power to rescue and bring relief to the victims of Nazi persecution in Czechoslovakia and elsewhere. I sincerely hope that the Board's programs have benefited Mr. Mandl's sister and her family.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Honorable Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.

United States Senate.

[Signature]

Request for copies: Original signed by

Copy to Dr. Hyfin

[Signature]

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SEP 15 1944
Mr. John Fehle, Acting Chairman
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fehle:

Recently I submitted to Secretary Hull the enclosed papers on the Berthold Wachsmann family. The file comes to me through Mr. Sig Maull of Milwaukee, with whom I have a long personal acquaintance.

I am enclosing a carbon of the letter from Secretary Hull and hope that there is now something your board can do. I am very much impressed with the merits of this case.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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enclosure
In reply refer to
SWP III. III Wachsman, Berthold

My dear Senator Lafollette:

I refer to your letter of July 5, 1944 enclosing a letter from Mr. Sig. Mandl requesting that the names of his sister, Mrs. Regina Wachsman, and the members of her family be placed by the Department on a list of refugees held in German concentration camps for inclusion in exchange agreements with the German Government.

While we are working on the possibility of saving as many of the victims of German persecution as we can, the Department has not yet undertaken to make up lists but has endeavored to create a situation in which persons held by the Germans would be saved from mass execution. You may wish accordingly to take the matter up with the War Refugee Board. As yet the German Government has not reached the point where it agrees to receive from this Government lists of people it wishes to have included in an exchange but it has tendered to this Government lists of persons within recognized categories in return for similar lists of Germans in the United States submitted by this Government.

The letter from Mr. Mandl and its enclosures are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures:

Cordell Hue

From Mr. Sig. Mandl,
June 29, 1944, with enclosures.

The Honorable
Robert M. Lafollette, Jr.,
United States Senate.
Department of State

Enclosure

Letter to

Senator La Follette
June 29, 1944

Office of the
Hon. Robert L. LeFollette, Jr. U. J. Senator from Wisconsin
Washington, D.C.

In reply refer to File Sk/629

Attention: Miss Grace Lynch, Secretary

Ref: State Dept. Re: Da-D811.11

Achsemann, Barthold, Regina, Hans, Eva
formerly Czernove-6 (Rejoin) Gizylovo 3,

now at Concentration Camp, Theresienstadt,
(Bohemia)

Dear Miss Lynch:

I am enclosing a photostatic copy of a newspaper clipping from which it appears that the U.S.
government is now trying to save some of the refugees held in German concentration camps. I
believe that my sister and family, if still alive, would qualify for this exchange.

Please forward the enclosed data together with a kind cord from your offices to the proper party
in the State Department and use your best influence to have the names of the above refugees placed on
the exchange lists.

As in the past, your kind assistance in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Yours very truly,

BLACKHAWK MFG. CO.

Sig. Mandl
Chief Development Engineer

Sk. Abd
Enc. - Data
American Republics to Cooperate in Rescuing Refugees-Held by Nazis

Cordell Hull Reveals Plan to Save 2,000 Refugees in Exchange for Like Number of German Nationals Held in the Americas

Washington (AP) In an effort to save 2,000 refugees now confined in concentration camps in Germany or other occupied countries, the United States and other American nations have decided to attempt to secure their release in exchange for a like number of German nationals held in the Americas, it was revealed here by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

The refugees, it was learned, are persons who have never been accused of any act in violation of American law or the laws of any American country. They have never been accused of any act in violation of any other law. An express statement, it was said, was made by the refugees that they had never done anything to warrant their being held in prison or in any other place of confinement.

The refugees, it was said, had been held in prison or other places of confinement for anything like as long as the German nationals. The refugees were held in prison or other places of confinement for anything like as long as the German nationals. The refugees were held in prison or other places of confinement for anything like as long as the German nationals. The refugees were held in prison or other places of confinement for anything like as long as the German nationals.

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Unsere liebste,
Tinie Zelen freuen uns
Wir sind gesund, Ihre Familie
sind in Teresienstadt.
Marseille Polen
grüssen Küsse, euch

Poldi Melilla

Date — Date
13 Oktober 42

Signature

Please write very legibly
Prière d'écrire très lisiblement
Milwaukee, Wisc., June 28, 1944

DATA ON REFUGEES:

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All above are Czecho-Slovak Citizens formerly residing at Kueglitz, Ringplatz 18, Moravia and Olmuetz 6, (Hejcin) Cirylovo 3, Moravia.

Registered for U.S. Emigration with U.S. Consulate Prague on February 6, 1939, under Czecho-Slovak quota.

Papers transferred to U.S. Consulate Vienna (Austria).

Application for U.S. Entry permit filled with State Department, Washington, D.C., File DA-D-811.11.

Visa approved by U.S. Consulate Vienna, April 25, 1941.

$1,482.00 was deposited for transportation expenses with J.D.G. New York, April 7, 1941 and refunded, after U.S. entry into war.

Above refugees last known to be shipped to Concentration Camp at Theresienstadt (Bohemia).
Milwaukee, Wis., June 28, 1944

DATA ON SPONSOR

Main Sponsor:

Sigmund Sig. Mandl, Born Oct. 1, 1898, at Aussee (Usov) Moravia.
Residing at Milwaukee, Wis., since Oct. 3, 1921.
U. S. Citizen by naturalization.
Now residing at 2973 North 77th St., Milwaukee, Wis., Zone 13.
For more than 15 years Chief Development Engineer, Blackhawk
Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wis.
Owner of two duplex flats, own residence, stocks, bonds,
cash, etc. - Net Value in excess of $40,000.
Total yearly income - $7,000.
Married: wife, Eva Mandl, no children.

Other Sponsors: - two brothers

Hugo Mandl, born April 12, 1900, at Aussee (Usov) Moravia.
Residing at Milwaukee, Wis., since September 14, 1939.
Czecho-Slovak citizen (U.S. citizenship applied for).
Clothing designer, Jos. Goodman & Sons, Milwaukee, Wis.
Cash on hand - $4,000.
Yearly income - $3,500.
Single - no dependents.

Adolph Mandl, born March 30, 1912, at Mueglitz (Mohelnice) Moravia.
Residing at Milwaukee, Wis., since August 27, 1939.
Czecho-Slovak citizen (U.S. citizenship applied for).
Designing Engineer, Alfa Machine Company, Milwaukee, Wis.
Cash on hand - $3,000.
Yearly income - $3,500.
Married: wife, Lilian Mandl, no children.

A fully furnished five-room
flat at 1139 North 44th St.,
Milwaukee, Wis., owned by
brother Sig Mandl and now
occupied by brother Hugo
Mandl and father, Ludwig
Mandl would be available
for refugees if there were
to come to the U.S.A.