Regents for Species A.D.; Mandel, D. Vicron
In reply please refer to 2988

Dear Dr. Mandler:

I have your letter of July 8, 1944, requesting the assistance of the War Refugees Board in bringing your brother and his family from Italy to the United States.

Your desire to have your brother and his family included in the 1,000 refugees to be brought to the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I know you will understand, however, that the urgency of the task and the speed with which it had to be carried out, precluded any selection of specific individuals by the Board. Selection of refugees was made abroad on the basis of their availability for immediate transport, and their relative need.

I am enclosing for your information copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 6, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project. You will note from these enclosures that the individuals brought to the shelter will come to the United States outside the regular immigration laws and will stay at the camp until the end of the war when they will be returned to their homelands. This is strictly an emergency measure and since the persons to be given asylum here will be brought in outside the regular immigration procedure none of them will, as a result of their admission under the project, acquire any of the rights and privileges of legal immigrants.

In the event that your brother and his family are not included in this group, and if you are interested in having them enter the United States under the immigration
laws, I suggest that you communicate with the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for information as to the procedure necessary.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Dr. Victor Mandler,
8 Wilson Avenue,
Bellmore, Long Island.

Enclosures.
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the order given by the President of the United States to bring one thousand refugees from Nazi persecution stranded in South Italy to this country for a temporary stay I apply to you to help me bring my brother, his wife and daughter over to this country.

My brother, Fritz Mandler, goldsmith and jeweler, from Vienna having got an affidavit of support in 1938 had registered for immigration to the United States at the American Consulate General in Vienna in summer 1938.

Threatened with concentration camp he fled from Austria to Albania in spring 1939. After occupation of this country he had to go to Italy was at first interned in Ferramonte Tassia when Italy entered the war and later permitted to stay with his family in Montemarano, Avellino where they were still in March 1944. They expected to be called to the Consulate General at Naples any day for their visa when the American Consulates in Italy were closed. Therefore they had to live in Montemarano up till now in great want and hunger and look out to be delivered from their desperate situation.
The particulars are as follows:

Fritz Mandler born at Vienna September 16, 1891.
Margaret Mandler born at Vienna June 22, 1898.
Lizzi Mandler born at Vienna December 12, 1927.
Residence March 1944: Montemarano, Avellino.

I appeal to you to include my brother and his family among
the thousand who are to be brought from South Italy to this country
as a temporary haven and with many thanks in advance.

I am, truly.

[Signature]

Fritz Mandler