Requests for Specific Aid: Mozeson, J. D. (Rabbi)
Dear Rabbi Mozeson:

I have your letter of April 28, 1944, requesting that action be taken to permit your nephew and his family, presently interned in Vittel, France, to come to the United States.

Your concern for the safety of these people 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 resuing specific individuals. We shall, of course, do everything in our power to rescue and save the victims of enemy persecution 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,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Rabbi J. D. Mozeson,
206 East 115th Street,

Enclosure.
Honorable Sir:

Your appointment, by our great President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has brought rejoicing in many hearts and will undoubtedly save hundreds of thousands of lives. I beg you to consider this letter written for the purpose of adding six souls to the number of God's creatures it will be in your hands to save and let live or permit to perish. These six of God's creatures constitute a family of six, the head of which, was in the United
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States, had made his "Declaration of Intention," and while in Europe on a business trip, was stopped and interned when the war swallowed up Poland.

Before I present you the facts of his case please consider that although this man is not a citizen of the United States of America, he intended with his whole heart and soul to become one and to bring his family into our country, so that he could enjoy the benefits that God has blessed our great country with. Many of his former business acquaintances have vouched for his sincere, honest way of living and working.
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Their statements will be gladly sent
so you upon request. I beg you to
consider above all that this man,
his wife, three daughters and son, although
less fortunate than us, are equal to
us in the eyes of God who is Their
Creator and our Creator. This man
and his family are spiritually our
brothers; for this particular family
had long ago professed their loyalty
to democracy and chose this country
for their future home.

Honorable Sir: With the grace
of God, His permanent blessing of our Father
and the gratitude of six humble souls, and the gratitude of all the members of the human race, and exert yourself to act in their behalf immediately.

The facts of this case are the following:

1) On December 12, 1941, Mr. Aaron Rapoport, his wife, Yizga Rapoport, his daughters, Malka, Befila, and Hanna Rapoport were interned by the Germans. Their son, Benjamin Rapoport, then aged twelve, was left behind in Warsaw. Their first place of internment was, for Mr. Aaron Rapoport at Taufen, near Nürnberg, Germany, and for his wife and daughters at Teichenau, Germany.

2) Mr. Aaron Rapoport, who was several years in this country, is in the possession of a "Declaration of Intention."
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I issued to him by the United States Court at
Brooklyn, New York, of the Eastern District, on Feb. 25,
1940, and was to be valid until February 25, 1942.

The number of the "Declaration of Intention" is
No. 23135.

2) Mr. Rapoport received a "Permit to Land," which
was issued to him on June 7, 1940, at Washington which was to be valid until
June 7, 1941. It was extended twice until
June 7, 1941.

3) In May 1941, Mr. Rapoport sent his
"Permit to Land," No. 1250528, to Washington, D.C.
for further extension but received no reply.

4) I have been informed by the Hebrew
Settling and Immigrant Aid Society, 435 Lafayette
St., New York City, that Mr. Aaron Rapoport's
application for extension had been forwarded.
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To Washington, D. C. before his reentry permit expired on June 4, 1941, but without being accompanied, however, with the required fee of three dollars. On the 5th of the above named was forwarded to the Department in June 1942 and was endorsed and transmitted to the State Department for forwarding to the appropriate American Consul.

I, as an impostor, his wife, daughters, and son who had also been interned later, have been for some time interned at the Nouvel Hotel, at Villeneuve, France. I was informed by the Provost Marshal General of the Army Service Forces of their internment at Villeneuve and I, Rabbi Joel David Mozeson, the uncle of Mrs. Rapoport, was given permission to correspond to the Rapoports and send
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In fact, as most of him according to the regulations of the War Department in their treatment of American civilian internees. It was because of the fact that the kaposports were receiving privileges of American internees that they continually wrote to me to advise Washington to ask the Swiss Legation in Berlin to put them on the repatriation list so that they would be able to come to America on the next available transport.

These are the facts as I know them. In case statements are needed by his business acquaintances and friends concerning his character and integrity I will gladly furnish them. If there is anything which you further demand from me please inform me immediately and I will comply.
with your instructions.

I await with deep anxiety your
reply to one concerning the fate of
these six creatures. May God bless
you for all your consideration and
action in this case and reward
you boundlessly for your humane
deeds.

Respectfully yours,

Isaak David Mozeson

P.S. Captured Americans who have recently
returned to the United States with the "Tripolitan"
have communicated to me that my nephew
confided to them that he and his family are
in constant fear of death because they had not
been placed on the deportation list. They
were often summoned to the German
prison camp commander.