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In reply please refer to: 220

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Reference is made to your letter of February 24, 1944, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in locating certain of your friends who may have come to this country from France.

The purpose for which the Board was established is to provide for the rescue from the Nazis of as many of the persecuted minorities of Europe as possible. The locating of refugees who have escaped to this country does not come within its jurisdiction.

It is regretted that the Board is not in a position to be of assistance to you in locating your friends. However, if is possible that any of the private organizations named in the enclosed list may be able to give you some help with this problem, and I suggest that you communicate with one of them concerning the matter.

Very truly yours.

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle Acting Executive Director

Mr. <u>Marren</u> F. O'Brien. Glen Arvon, Bremo Bluff, Virginia.

Inclosure.

220 FILING ARTHORITY 20: Mail & Files 6°3. GLEN ARVON BREMO BLUFF, VA. No / Th. 820..... 381.872...... Feb. 2 H, 1944 Mr. John Nr. Pekle. Treasury Building. Washington, D. C. Dear Mr. Pekke: I wonder if your Office could help me locate certain friends and acquiaintances who may have some to this country from France? I lived in amiens for almost a year and mulhouse, France for four years. Should I send you a list of their names or just how do I go about it? Thanking you, I am. yours very truly. Warnen 7. O'Brien