

Requests for Specific Aid: Paulus, N. (Mrs.)

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Dear Mrs. Paulus:

I have your letter of May 31, 1945, further concerning your desire to arrange for the immigration of your son from France to this country.

As explained in my letter of November 17, 1944, immigration matters are not within the Board's jurisdiction, and it is regretted that the Board is not in a position to be of assistance to you in this matter since it was established for the purpose of rescuing persons who, as victims of oppression in the hands of the enemy, were in imminent danger of death.

While I am not informed as to what immigration facilities are available under the practical and technical difficulties presently existing, it is my understanding that a number of private organizations are qualified to give assistance and guidance in matters of this nature. I suggest, therefore, that you refer your problem to any one of the agencies named in the enclosed list for such help and information as they may be able to give you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer  
Executive Director

Mrs. N. Paulus,  
2416 North Halsted Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Enclosure.

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2416 no. Halsted Street

Chicago, Illinois

May 31, 1945

Mr. J. N. Pehle

War Refugee Board

Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to No. 3374 and let me know what action can be taken on my case.

In your letter addressed to me on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1944 you stated that I should write to the Department of State for more information. I have received a reply from them. They have referred me to your department.

I have been separated from my son for about 15 years. My other son is now in the armed

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forces of the United States.

Please let me know what can  
be done for his transportation  
to this country. He is still  
in France.

Waiting for your reply,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Narayan Pawar of  
2416 No. Halsted St.  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear

you

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In reply please  
refer to: 3374

Dear Mrs. Paulus:

I have your letter of October 26, 1944, regarding your desire to have your son brought to the United States from France.

The immigration of persons to the United States is not a matter within the jurisdiction of the War Refugee Board. The Board was established solely to rescue and bring relief to victims of enemy persecution in imminent danger of death. Consequently, if your son is in that portion of France which has been liberated by the Allies, he does not come within the category of persons whom the Board has power to aid. In that event, I suggest that you may wish to write to the Department of State for information as to the procedure to be followed in applying for an immigration visa as soon as American Consular offices are re-established in France.

On the other hand, if your son, by an unfortunate chance, was removed from France by the Germans prior to the liberation of that country, it is possible that he may benefit from one of two special programs sponsored by the Board to aid in the rescue of certain categories of persons in enemy territory. In that event, I suggest that you communicate further with us as indicated below.

The first of these programs concerns persons for whom United States immigration visas were issued or authorized on or after July 1, 1941; in such cases, it is necessary that the Board be advised as to the name and last-known address of the individual in question, the date and place of his birth, the date of issuance or authorization of such visa or renewal thereof, and the file number assigned by the Department of State to any correspondence in connection therewith.

The second program is calculated to bring relief to persons in enemy territory who are the spouses, unmarried minor children, or parents of American citizens, or the wives or unmarried minor children of resident aliens; in cases of this nature, it is necessary that a petition be filed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice,

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the form for which the Board will send to interested persons upon request. Since this latter program is based upon the statutes relating to the issuance of non-quota and preference quota visas, it cannot be extended to other classes of persons.

For persons in enemy territory whom it is the Board's task to assist and who cannot qualify for either of these programs, there is no specific action which the Board can take in their behalf beyond its general efforts in the interest of the victims of enemy oppression. Please be assured, however, that we are doing everything in our power to save and protect such people.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

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Case no. VD 811.111 Paulus

Oct. 26, 1944.

Dear Mr. Peble,

As per Mr. Howard K. Drovers,  
request, I would like detailed  
information on bringing a son of  
mine here as a refugee, from  
France. He has been there for  
14 years.

I would like to know just what  
I would have to do to have him  
brought here. I have been  
writing and trying for years with  
no success.

Please let me hear from you  
as soon as possible.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. H. Paulus,

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