Requests for Specific Aid: Pologruto, Francesco
Dear Mr. Pologruto:

This is to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your affidavit of January 24, 1944, addressed to the War Refugee Board.

From the information contained in your affidavit, it would appear that your son is an Allied prisoner of war and that your problem is not within the jurisdiction of this Board.

It is regretted that we are not in a position to be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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Acting Executive Director

Mr. Francesco Pologruto,
33 Henry Street,
New York, New York.
War Refugee Board
Hon. Secy of State
Dept of State-Washington DC

from: Francesco Pologruto
U.S.Citizen- 33 Henry St., New York, N.Y. Jan. 31, 1944

State of New York
City of New York
County of New York

FEB 15 1944

Francesco Pologruto, duly sworn, deposes and says:
That he resides at 33 Henry St., New York, N.Y., continuously in
the U.S. since 1921. That he is a Citizen of U.S.A., holding
Certification of Naturalization no. 4765156, pet. 349975, issued by
US District Court, Southern District of New York City, County of NY,
on May 6, 1940, George J.H. Fallner, Clerk. That he holds U.S. Reg.
Selective Service Card dated April 27, 1942, known as Frank Pologruto,
Local Board Registry, one and identical person herein described.
He also holds Card of Identification issued by Captain of Port, as

That he is and always has been a loyal law-abiding U.S.
Citizen, never arrested for any crime, a clear and clean record.
That he does not belong to any group or organization whose
principles are contrary to organized government.

That my son Domenico Pologruto, now age 22, is a World
Prisoner, address Mutricola 146 or 96, Campo 42/I., Le Koresider,
Africa Francesa. That I applied for necessary Visa before Hon.
American Consul at Naples, thru State Dept, Washington, DC, pending
since 1936 for my said son. That he is in good health, mentally and
physically, his occupation General Mechanic and Laborer.

That I request Hon. Secy of State, Dept of State, via
War Refugee Board, to trans-ship my son thru U.S. as a War Prisoner
to enable him to work for U.S. Gov't. in any part of the U.S.A.

That I once sent for his prepaid passage thru the
I.M.S/S Co., Naples to N.Y. in 1938, passage fare since refunded.
I am able ready and willing to cover all his necessary expenses
thru Dept on request for his transportation.

Deponent further states that this affidavit is made by
him "to aid my son as War Refugee", "Rescue a Victim of Axis Rule
and of Enemy Oppression.

Francesco Pologruto

Subscribed and sworn to this 31st day of January 1944
By

Notary R.B. in NY Co

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