

Requests for Specific Aid: REICH, JACOB JAN (Dir.)

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MAY 20 1944

Dear Dr. Reich:

I have your letter of May 13, 1944, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in bringing your family from the Camp at Bergen-Belsen, Hanover, Germany, to the United States.

Your appeal for assistance in rescuing your family from the Nazis 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 rescuing 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

Dr. Jakob Jan Reich,
121 West 72nd Street,
Apt. 1402,
New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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DR JACOB JAN REICH
121 WEST 72 STREET APT 1402
NEW-YORK CITY

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Mr. John W. Pehle, Director
War Refugee Board
Washington D.C.

Honorable Sir :

The writer of this letter Dr. Jacob Jan Reich, Polish Citizen, in this Country an legal immigrant since March 18, 1941, having First Papers No 496462 issued August 5th 1941 takes the liberty to address to you the following request :

My wife Dora Reich 43 years old and my three children Felicja Reich 20 years old, Marian Norbert Reich 10 years old and Henryk Józef 8 years old holders of Nicaraguan Passports Number 1095 issued by the Nicaraguan Consulate General in New-York City on December 30, 1940 are at present in the Camp at BERGEN-BELSEN AM ZELLE /Hannover/ GERMANY.

I have sufficient funds in this Country to support them. My father and brothers are here. Also my oldest sister and her children are in this Country. Her daughter works for the U.S. Government, her oldest son in an essential war industry, her second son is in the United States Army since 1943.

I myself am separated from my wife and children since 1939. My home was bombed in the first days of the war. As a father who has not seen his family for nearly five years I make a plea to your human feelings and good heart. I hope that you understand the misery of my situation. I see in your person the last chance of rebuilding my shattered home. By this noble act you would help little children to regain the blessings of a home, and bring back to a longing father his most precious treasure - his wife and children.

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If my family, with your kind help, will be able to arrive in New-York I shall buy a farm, because my wife and I are farmers and we enjoy living in the country. A farm is of value to me only if I can have the help of my wife and daughter.

It is well known to me how much you helped to save human lives from the horrors of war in Europe. Therefore I trust that you will be able to help to bring my wife and children to this Country.

By doing so you are saving a Family who will become good and useful in America after heroic suffering in Europe for five long years.

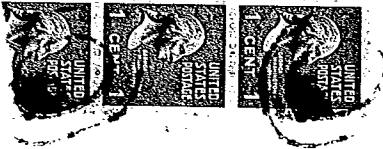
May I assure you of my deepest gratitude for anything you are able to do in this matter.

yours very sincerely



DR. JAKOB JAN REICH

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Mr. John W. Pehle, Director
War Refugee Board
Washington D.C.

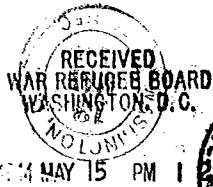
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