

Requests for Specific Aid: Roopers, Geeti

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In reply please  
refer to: 1143

Dear Miss Roeders:

I have your letter of June 13, 1944,  
concerning the possibility of bringing your brother  
and his family to the United States from Holland.

I think you will understand that the task  
of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot  
deal with problems limited to rescuing specific individuals.  
We shall, of course, do everything in our power  
to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression 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 help to you.

Very truly yours,

Signature of J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Miss Gerti Roeders,  
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New York, New York.

Enclosure.

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War Refugee Board  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Knowing about the wide scope of your activities, I take the liberty of asking for your assistance in the following case.

My brother Kurt ROEDERS, 38 years old, his wife Liselotte, 27 years old, and their four year old child are in Holland, held by the Germans in the concentration camp of Westerbork. My brother and his wife are Austrian citizens, of Protestant faith, but are being considered as Non-Aryans by the Nazis and therefore subjected to forced labor. They had managed to escape from Austria in September 1938, but while waiting in Holland for their USA visa, after a quota number had already been assigned to them, they have been trapped by the outbreak of the war and are now enduring their captivity for already four years. We tried all we could to rescue them, but so far failed in all our efforts.

I myself, came to this country in August 1938 and have become American citizen meanwhile, I also have another brother living in the United States since 1924 who is American citizen and employed in the Civil Service and also my mother is living with me, so that the entire family is in the United States, with the only exception of my brother, his wife and child.

Lately I have heard so much about the charitable activities of the War Refugee Board and also about the endeavours of bringing War Refugees to this country, that I dare to recommend the case of my brother for your kind attention, hoping that you might find some ways and means to rescue them from the fate that is waiting for all minorities left in Europe under the Nazi heel.

I shall greatly appreciate your consideration of this letter, and remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Gerti Roeders*

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