

Requests for Specific Aid: SAUNDERS, Joseph I.

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SEP 29 1944

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Since my letter of August 4 concerning your brother and your sister-in-law who are in a concentration camp in Holland, the War Refugee Board, in collaboration with the Department of State, has developed a special program calculated to benefit certain categories of persons in enemy territory. These include, among others, the parents of United States citizens.

While no assurances can be given as to the success of the plan, I suggest that you have your niece promptly file with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a petition to establish your brother and his wife as persons entitled to preference quota immigration visas as the parents of a United States citizen. Her petition should be accompanied by a letter stating that it is being filed at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board.

A copy of the required form is enclosed for her convenience. It may be advisable in connection with filling out this form for her to consult with the National Refugee Service, 139 Centre Street, the Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society, 425 Lafayette Street, or the National Council of Jewish Women, 1819 Broadway, all in New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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In reply please  
refer to: 2907

AUG 4 1944

Dear Mr. Sanders:

I have your letter of June 29, 1944, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in rescuing your brother and sister-in-law, who you state are in possession of Palestine certificates, from a concentration camp at Westerbork, the Netherlands.

I am advised that, in cases of this kind, individuals desiring to have persons in whom they are interested considered for exchange should communicate with the Commissioner of Migration and Statistics at Jerusalem. Accordingly, I suggest that you refer the names of your brother and his wife to that office with the request that they be considered for inclusion in the Palestine-German exchange.

Very truly yours,

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Forest Hills, July 29, 1944.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle,

I am referring to an Associated Press Communication in the "New York Times" of June 17, 1944, which deals with an Inter-American effort to rescue 2,000 racial and political refugees from German occupied countries.

Therefore I am asking your help to rescue from annihilation my brother and former business-partner :  
SAMUEL SANDERS, born July 10, 1885, at SITTEN ( the Netherlands) and his wife:  
EMILIE SANDERS, née PHILIPPOLEN, born Jan. 23, 1887, at GROWINGEN ( the Netherlands, both DUTCH subjects.  
Their former address was: Ernst Casimirlaan 54, THE HAGUE ( the Netherlands) .  
Very soon after the invasion of their country they were forced to leave their house.

According to the latest news concerning them , received in this country through the intermediary of the Dutch Legation at BERNE ( Switzerland) they are now in the concentration camp at WESPERBORK ( the Netherlands) .

They are in possession of an immigration visa for PALESTINE, which visa was communicated to the Palestine Jewish Agency , New York , on Nov. 6, 1943, and which was confirmed to my brother by the Protecting POWER. They could not make use of this visa up till now, because the Germans did not permit them to leave their native country. Being of Jewish race, they certainly are in great danger of their lives.

They have one daughter , son - in law, and one grandchild in this country, Mrs. Hammie Hartog, née Sanders, 1 st Lt. Floris P. Hartog, USA. and Francis Hartog, residing 1130 , Park Ave New York. All three are American Citizens. As Mrs Hartog is momentarily in California for health reasons, I am addressing this letter to you, in order to save time.

I am a Dutch subject, residing in this country since May 22, 1941, on immigration- visa. I have first citizen papers, my only son is in the U. S. Army oversea, and is U. S. Citizen.

I have the conviction , that my brother and his wife only were allowed to stay in the Netherlands till now, because they were in possession of the Palestine visae. However I fear very much , that if they are not able to proceed to Palestine ( or an other country outside Europe) very soon, they will be deported , as so many Dutch Jews have been already.

I sincerely hope, that your Board will find way and means to be of help to my brother and my sister - in - law in their so dangerous circumstances.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I am , my dear yours very respectfully,

Mr. Pehle,

*Joseph I. Sanders*

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