

Requests for Specific Aid: SAUL, Ewing, Remick & HARRISON

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Dear Mr. Saul:

I have your letter of February 23, 1944, concerning the establishment of the War Refugee Board and the possibility of helping certain of your clients.

I am enclosing copies of the Executive Order of January 22, 1944, establishing the War Refugee Board, and of the White House press release of the same date.

Because of the tremendous task it faces in executing the policy of this Government to save and rescue the victims of enemy oppression, one of the Board's first decisions was to confine itself to projects for the rescue of groups of persons. It was felt that, of necessity, the Board could not seek out and rescue specific individuals.

It is expected that the facilities of private organizations will be utilized to the greatest extent possible to achieve the objectives of the Board. Established organizations engaged in relief and refugee work have indicated their willingness to cooperate with the Board, and persons seeking assistance for the rescue of specific individuals are being referred to such agencies. Once a way of escape has been opened up, these private organizations should be able to be of great help in cases of this kind.

With respect to those of your clients who are now in Switzerland, it is suggested that you contact the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia concerning the possibility of affecting remittances to them from their funds in this country.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle  
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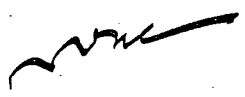
War Refugee Board,  
 Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The article in the Philadelphia Inquirer of February 20, 1944 by John C. O'Brien under date line of Washington, February 19th, states that Mr. John W. Pehle is "the logical choice as director of the job of moving war refugees out of Nazi-dominated Europe. \* \* \* By establishing contacts with the underground, Mr. Pehle's organization will attempt to get money and food into the hands of refugees who wish to seek safety".

We have clients in Belgium, France and Switzerland who we are sure are in need of food and all of whom would like to get out. All of these clients have means in this country. If this article correctly states the activities of your Board we would be very glad to communicate with you further.

Very truly yours,



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