

Requests for Specific Aid: SCHNEIDEMÜHL, FRITZ (MR.)

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Dear Mr. Schneidemuhl:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 4, 1944. A copy of the report on German extermination centers at Auschwitz and Birkenau has been sent to you under separate cover.

With regard to your sister, as you have already checked available sources of information I am very sorry that I cannot suggest a further source through which you might learn of her whereabouts. However, some time ago the War Refugee Board, in collaboration with the Department of State, developed a special program calculated to bring relief to persons in enemy territory for whom United States immigration visas were issued or authorized on or after July 1, 1941, and possibly to assist such persons in reaching neutral territory. Incident to this program, verified data concerning persons for whom it is known that such visas were issued or authorized are communicated to neutral governments through our special representatives for appropriate action. Information concerning Mrs. Lissner's eligibility for inclusion in these measures was sent by cable to our representatives in Bern and Stockholm in October 1944.

While no assurances can be given as to the success of the plan, you can be sure that the Board is doing and will continue to do everything in its power to save and protect the victims of enemy persecution through the implementation of this program and by every other feasible means.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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December 4, 1944

The War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

May I ask you to send me a copy of the report concerning the mass extermination of Jews perpetrated by the Germans in prison camps at Birkenau and Auschwitz in South-Western Poland?

I take a deep personal interest in those happenings because my sister, Mrs. Friederike Lissner, was deported to Poland from the internment camp in Marseilles, France (Les Milles) on the 12th of August, 1942, incidentally two days before the advisory approval for a visa of immigration to the United States was granted to her by the I. R. C. in Washington.

In order to obtain any information as to where my sister was deported and what happened to her, I made inquiries at the following organizations:

- (1) The American Red Cross, New York Chapter
- (2) American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia
- (3) National Council of Jewish Women, New York Section.

None of these attempts had any result. The Red Cross confirmed only what my sister herself had written in her last letter to me. They wrote on March 29, 1944:

"According to information received from our correspondent in France, Mrs. Friederike LISSNER-Schneidemuhl has left Marseille with a transport to an unknown destination on August 11th, 1942."

May I ask for your advice if there is any other agency or organization I could contact to receive further information on this matter.

I am ready to pay for the copy requested above
c.o.d.

Respectfully yours,

Fritz Schneidemuhl

*Sent
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