Requests for Special Aid. Simon's, Avenue A.
Dear Mr. Simone:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 14, 1944.

In reply, I am glad to inform you that the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice has confirmed to the Board its approval of your petition for an immigration visa on behalf of your father. Accordingly, the Board has communicated your father's name to the United States Missions in Sweden and Switzerland as that of a person to whom a United States immigration visa may be issued upon presentation at a United States consular office. The Missions have been requested to transmit this information to the Governments of Sweden and Switzerland for communication to appropriate enemy authorities.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Pvt. Arthur A. Simone,
703 West 180th St., Apt. 33,
New York, NY, New York.

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PVT. ARTHUR A. SIMONS
703 West 160th St. Apt. 33
New York, 33, N.Y.

December 14, 1944

War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you about a petition on form 653 which I filed last month with the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, in order to obtain a U.S. visa for my father, Mr. Sallie Simons, residing at 5, Jan Blankenstraat, The Hague, Holland.

This petition was approved. Attached please find the photoprint of the approval as written to me by the Department of Labor, Immigration and Naturalization Service, in a letter as of November 25, 1944, from which you'll see all details.

Since the case has been referred to your Board, I would be grateful, if you could let me know what steps you could take or have taken already, in order that my father can be informed about the visa permission.

I am sure you'll rush this matter through all channels, so that a human life might be saved in time.

Please let me know all your expenses for cables etc.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for all the consideration you can give to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Pvt. Arthur A. Simons

Enclosure.
The paragraph checked below refers to your recent inquiry regarding the visa petition filed by

The petition was approved for the relative(s) and forwarded to the Department of State for transmission to the appropriate American consular abroad where such relative(s) should apply for the visa(s). All aliens intending to reside permanently in the United States must, of course, obtain immigration visas at an American consular prior to departure from a foreign port. For these reasons the Immigration and Naturalization Service is unable to assist you further in the matter until the arrival of the alien(s) at a United States port.

The records of this office show that the petition has been received and is now under consideration. You will be promptly informed of the final action taken.

No record of a petition can be found. If you will state the name of the petitioner, as shown on the original petition, the date and court of his or her admission to citizenship and naturalization certificate number, or if native-born, the date and place of birth, another effort will be made to identify the case.

We have so many precisely similar inquiries and such a limited personnel that, in order to permit an earlier response, we are replying by means of a form letter. If, however, the information is not entirely clear, please do not hesitate to advise, as we wish to render you all possible assistance.

Yours truly,

[Signature]