

Requests for Specific Aid; Sitty, Dimitri (Mus.)

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My dear Senator:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 24, 1944, with respect to Nicola Aboucity, of Beirut. Enclosed for your information is a copy of my response to Mrs. Sitty explaining why the matter does not fall within the province of the War Refugee Board. If you have any further question, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

*(Signature)* J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle  
Executive Director

Honorable Francis Maloney  
United States Senate

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Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
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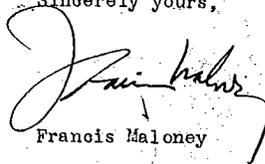
My dear Mr. Pehle:

Mr. Dimitri Sitty, 243 State Street, New London, Connecticut, has sent me a copy of a letter which he wrote to you on November twenty-second, concerning the case of his brother, Nicola Aboucitly, of Beirut.

I wonder, Mr. Pehle, if you would be willing to comment upon Mr. Sitty's letter.

I thank you for such consideration as you may give this request.

Sincerely yours,



Francis Maloney

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Dear Mrs. Sitty:

I regret the necessity of advising you that you have apparently been misinformed with respect to the Board's functions. The Board was created by the President solely to aid in the rescue and relief of victims of enemy persecution in imminent danger of death. To this end the Board has taken all measures within its power consistent with the successful prosecution of the war. Persons in Beirut are not subject to enemy persecution and consequently do not fall within the scope of the Board's activities. Moreover, the Board has no means of securing transportation facilities for persons immigrating to the United States.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mrs. Dimitri Sitty  
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New London, Connecticut

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November 22, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Dir.  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am writing at the suggestion of Mr. Eliot B. Coulter, Acting Chief of the Visa Division, Department of State. Today I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Howard K. Travers, Chief of the Visa Division, who informs me that the Department of State has issued a renewed advisory approval for an issuance of an immigration visa to the American Legation in Beirut for the transfer of my brother, Nicola Aboucitty, from Beirut to the United States.

I am writing to inquire from you what transportation will be available through your Board. I might tell you at this time that I am prepared to meet promptly any financial demands in this case. I have satisfied the Department of State as to my financial ability to transport my brother from Beirut to this country and to sustain him once he has arrived.

My brother has been waiting since 1940, and you can certainly understand how anxious I am, now that the Department of State has renewed approval of his visa, to secure transportation which he has not been able up to now to find. It is my belief that one of the splendid services provided by your Board is to assist refugees, such as my brother, in securing any type of transportation that will bring them to our country.

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Please allow me to assure you of my very deep appreciation for your efforts in this case.

Should you wish to discuss this matter with me in person, please telephone and reverse the charges anytime you wish. My business phone number is New London 2-3542.

Very truly yours,

*Dimitri Sitty*

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