

Requests for Special Aid: SLOSS, ARTHUR J.

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Dear Mr. Sloss:

This will acknowledge receipt of Miss Platt's letter of August 16, 1944.

The article referred to in such letter undoubtedly related to the recent resolution of the Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense of the American Republics, a copy of which is enclosed. The action contemplated by this resolution is limited to persons carrying passports and other documents of nationality issued in the names of American Republics.

Please be advised, however, that this Government has taken action calculated to bring about the release from enemy occupied areas of persons to whom American immigration visas were issued on or after July 1, 1941. Your cousin falls within this category and I sincerely hope that she will be among those that may be rescued. There is no action that you need to take to implement this Government's program, with respect to your cousin.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
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Mr. John Pehle
U. S. Treasury Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:-

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Mr. Howard K. Travers, Chief, Visa Division, who advises me that you are Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

In July 1942 an immigration visa was granted to Edna Kahn Wolffe, a cousin of Mr. Sloss', who was then interned in Camp de Brens, par Gailliac, (Tarn), France, but she unfortunately was not able to obtain an exit visa. She has been moved from this camp, sometime in April of this year, and is now at 4 Rue du Palan, Chateau Roux, Indre, France.

There was an article in the newspapers recently stating that an effort was being made to rescue 2,000 racial and political refugees from Germany and German occupied territory, and that those carrying travel permits or other protective documents issued by American or other non-European governments would benefit if this effort was successful.

Would the possession of an immigration visa place Edna Kahn Wolff in this category? If you can furnish any advice as to what her relatives can do to have her included in this rescue plan, it will be very much appreciated.

With thanks in advance,

Very truly yours,
(Miss) J. Sloss
Secy. to Mr. Sloss.



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