Requests for Specific Aid: Spier, B. (Doc.)
In reply please refer to: 3235

Dear Dr. Spier:

Thank you for your letter of August 9, 1944, informing us of the arrival of your daughter and her family in Palestine with the first Palestine-German exchange.

I rejoice with you in the news that your loved ones have reached a place of safety.

Sincerely yours,

{Signed} X, W. Felse

J. W. Felse
Executive Director

Dr. B. Spier,
50 West 77th Street,
New York 34, New York.
August 9, 1944

Mr. J.W. Rhode
Branch Director of the
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rhode:

In reply to your letter no. 2636 of the 4th inst., I wish to inform you that my dear ones - my daughter and her family - in the meantime arrived in Palestine with the first Palestinians, Germans etc.

Please - with my thanks, I remain

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Mr. J. W. Peckle
Executive Director of the
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.
Dear Dr. Spier:

I have your letter of June 24, 1944, requesting that the names of your daughter, your son-in-law, and their three children, all of whom apparently are in possession of Palestine certificates, be placed on the list of persons eligible for a proposed exchange for German nationals.

I am advised that, in cases of this kind, individuals desiring to have persons in whom they are interested considered for exchange should communicate with the Commissioner of Migration and Statistics at Jerusalem. Accordingly, I suggest that you refer the names of your daughter and her family to that office with the request that they be considered for inclusion in the Palestine-German exchange.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Fehle
J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Dr. Bernhard Spier,
50 West 77th Street,
The War Refugee Board  
Washington D.C.

To the attention of  
Mr. John W. Peake  
executive director.

Dear Sir:

In view of the plan of American countries 
to exchange 2,000 German nationals against 
persons imprisoned by the Germans on account 
of their race, I take the liberty to address 
myself to you with a respectful and fervent 
request of my wife and myself in favor of 
our daughter, son-in-law and three grand- 
daughters, all Dutch-born citizens, who 
as Jews are interned by the Germans and, 
according to our informations, in March.
of this year were in Camp Belsenbergen near Hannover. My son-in-law was a lawyer and substitute judge at the Hague and during the war one of the two leaders of the Jewish Council at the Hague. All are, so far I know, in good health and fit to work; they will be good and useful citizens in every country where they will be free. They will have the official allowances to enter Surinam and Palestine.

May we now request you, if it might be possible to you, to further that their names be placed on the list of the persons, whom Germany should give in exchange?

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Ebel Kaufman
Bernardine K.
Hannie Ida K
(Hannie) (Ida)

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I need not to express my feelings in view of the terrible fate that may be theirs if they will not be saved, and our deep gratitude to you if you would be so kind to help us.

I mention below their names and ages, and remain

Very respectfully and sincerely yours,

Bernhard Spier
(formerly Dutch lawyer)

Amelia Sara Spier Kaufmann  March 19, 1901
Henri Gottfried Kaufmann  March 17, 1897
Belie Kaufmann
Bernardine Kaufmann  November 17, 1926
Hannie Ida Kaufmann  January 15, 1929

T. S. V. P.
I state here with, that the sender of this letter, Dr. Bernard Opier, a Netherlands subject and a former lawyer at the Hague, is well known at the Netherlands Consulate General at New York.

New York June 26th 1944

G.A.P. van Swinderen Consul