

Requests for Specific Aid: SUTHERM, IOWA (MRS.)

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SEP 20 1944

Dear Mrs. Suthelm:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 15, 1944.

The Board, in collaboration with the Department of State has developed a special program calculated to assist the spouses, unmarried minor children, and parents of American citizens and the wives and unmarried minor children of resident aliens who are in enemy occupied territory and subject to persecution. Since this program is based upon the statutes relating to the issuance of non-quota and preference quota immigration visas, it does not extend to other categories of relatives of American citizens or resident aliens.

Please be assured, however, that the Board is doing, and will continue to do, everything within its power to aid the victims of Nazi persecution, and sincerely hopes that your mother has been and will continue to be aided by the work of the Board.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Mrs. George Suthelm,
89-20 150 Street,
Jamaica 2, New York.

*Specified
date*

Confirmed copy to donor

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Mrs. George Sutheim
89-20 150 Street
Jamaica 2, New York

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September 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

at the Hias I learned that there is
a possibility to file papers for parents in Hungary but only as
an American citizen.

I cannot imagine that this really
should be the case as we were able to file papers for my mother
as non-citizens before the war. Now that the emergency is far
greater to bring the closest relatives over here in order to
save their lives, they and their relatives who are not yet citi-
zens would be hard hit by this measure.

Will you, please, kindly inform me
about the exact regulations. I am sorry to bother you again,
but I am sure you are the first one to understand.

Very sincerely yours

Ilona Sutheim

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AUG 1 1944

Dear Mrs. Suthelm:

Your attention is called to my letter of April 10, 1944 in response to your letter of April 1, 1944 in which you requested the assistance of the War Refugee Board in aiding your mother to escape from Budapest, Hungary.

From your letter it appears that at one time a visa permitting your mother to enter the United States had been authorized and that a quota number had been assigned to her. Will you please advise whether the visa had been authorized or renewed or issued after July 1, 1941, and if so, what reference or file number was assigned to the visa or to its correspondence with you by the Department of State?

Very truly yours,

J.W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Ilona Suthelm,
89-20 150th Street,
Jamaica 2, New York

Copy to: Mr. Sargoy

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AUG 16 1944

Dear Mrs. Sutheim:

Thank you for your letter of August 4, 1944, furnishing us with the information requested in our letter of August 1, 1944.

As pointed out in our letter of April 10, 1944, the War Refugee Board is unable to deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing any specific individual, but is doing everything in its power to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death. Although we have no information about your mother as an individual we join with you in hoping that she may be among those whom the Board may be able to rescue.

Very truly yours,

(Signature) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director.

Mrs. Ilona Sutheim,
89-20 160 Street,
Jamaica 2, New York.

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Copy to Mr. Sargoy

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Mrs. Ilona Sutheim
89-20 150 Street
Jamaica 2, New York

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August 4, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I have your letter of August 1, 1944 concerning my mother in Hungary.

A visa was not issued to her and we attempted to bring her to Cuba to wait for it there. This was made impossible by the outbreak of the war. My mother registered early in 1940 with the American Consulate in Vienna (Austria), her residence at that time, before she managed to escape to Hungary.

The only correspondence with the Department of State in this matter is my letter of July 22, 1941 asking what steps could be taken in order to get my mother to the U.S. after the consulate had ceased to operate, and the answer on Visa Form A-2, Ref. number VD 811.111 Barta, Anna, saying that should she proceed to a territory where American Consulates operate I shall notify the State Department in order to get appropriate advice regarding the further procedure. But when I got the Red Cross message that mother was in Budapest, Hungary was already at war with the U.S.

Your letter raised frantic hopes in me and I hardly can await your answer whether there is a possibility to rescue my mother.

Very truly yours

Ilona Sutheim

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APR 10 1944

In reply please
refer to: 437

Dear Mrs. Sutheim:

I have your letter of April 1, 1944, requesting the aid of the War Refugee Board in enabling your mother to escape from Budapest, Hungary.

I am sure you will understand that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing any specific individuals. The Board is directing unstinted efforts to the solution of the problems precipitated by recent developments, and I assure you that everything in its power will be done to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

I suggest that you may wish to refer your problem to a private organization. There is enclosed a list of some of the organizations which I am advised may be in a position to be of some help to you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Ilona Sutheim,
89-20 150th Street,
Jamaica 2, New York.

Enclosure.

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Mrs. Ilona Suthelm
89-20 150 Street
Jamaica 2, New York

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War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

April 1, 1944

Dear Sir:

From the newspapers I learned that the War Refugee Board was set up and that it had already achieved great success. I am very happy about the 40,000 people who escaped Nazi terror through your committee's aid but I am still in a terrible panic about my mother in Budapest (Hungary) and many of my folks. Please let me know if there is anything that can be done for my mother, who had her quota for the U.S.A., affidavit, and passage paid and only the closing of the consulate at the outbreak of the war made it impossible for her to obtain her visa.

With my thanks I am

very truly yours

Ilona Suthelm

P.S. I enclose the data
of my mother:
Mrs. Anna Barta, Visegradi-u. 9.
Budapest V. Hungary
born in Bratislava (Czechoslovakia)
on November 10, 1875.

* *nee* MANDL

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