Requests for Specific AIO: WEINGARTEN, JUANITA (JEMUNE) (MRS.)

In reply please refer to: 514

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

I have your letter of April 12, 1944, concerning Mrs. Juanita Weingarten, a Mexican citizen who apparently has been deported to a Nazi concentration camp.

The many appeals which come to us for help in cases of this kind, naturally, meet with the Board's fullest sympathy. I am sure you will understand, however, that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing specific individuals. One of the Board's first decisions was to confine itself to projects for the relief or rescue of groups of people, and persons who request the Board to take action on behalf of specific individuals are being advised to refer their problems to private organizations for such assistance as they may be able to give in cases of this nature.

The board is, of course, doing everything in its power to save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death and, to this end, will utilize all possible means to increase the measure of the success of this undertaking and the number of persons saved.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The following concerns Mrs. Juanita (Jeanne) Weingarten, a Mexican citizen, who was trapped in Belgium when the War broke out.

Mrs. Weingarten has been living in Belgium and Mexico (last address Brussels:, Belgium, 139 Avenue Prudent Bols). She and her family were arrested by the Germans in September 1943, deprived of their belongings and deported to a concentration camp the location of which is unknown.

A close relative of the above mentioned person, Dr. H. A close relative of the above mentioned person, br. n. Holzer, Sovereign Hotel and Apartments, Washington Ave. at Second Street, Santa Monica, California, has requested our assistance in the case of Mrs. Weingarten. He is anxious to learn her present address and the possibilities of rescuing her from certain death.

We have already contacted in this connection the Mexican as well as the Swedish Embassy in Washington (the latter is the protecting power for Mexican citizens in German occupied countries). We would be extremely grateful to you for your assistance and are at all times at your disposal for any further information.

Very sincerely yours,

Leon Kubowitzki, Head Rescue Department

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