

Requests for Specific Aid: WEISS, JOHANNA (MRS.)

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In reply please
refer to: 485

Dear Mrs. Weiss:

Your letter of February 16, 1944, to the President concerning the possibility of rescuing your daughter and her children from Amsterdam, Holland, has been referred to me.

Your concern for the safety of your daughter and her children meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. 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 rescuing specific individuals. We shall, of course, do everything in our power to rescue and save the victims of enemy persecution 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,

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Johanna Weiss,
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Elmhurst, L.I., New York.

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February 16, 1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington D.C.

Ans. Req.
Date

Dear Mr. President!

The news that you have founded a committee for the aid of persecuted minorities of occupied parts of Europe gives us hope and the courage to address this letter to you.

Our only daughter - her husband and two children are still in Amsterdam - Holland. We have learned through the Red Cross that she and her 16 year old daughter are living with a Christian family. The whereabouts of her husband and 20 years old son, we know nothing of.

We are refugees - pending Citizenship we are both working for our living - although my husband and I are over 70 years old but the hope of ever seeing our children and grandchildren again - keeps us alive.

As much as we can contribute financially and morally to bring our loved ones to the U.S.A. shall be done to the very limit of our ability.

We will deeply appreciate any communication from you regarding the proper channels through which requests will be handled.

Please help us!

Very gratefully yours:
Johanna Weiss

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