Requests for Specific Aid: Bikeli, Margaret
In reply please refer to: 409

Dear Miss Zikeli:

I have your letter of March 29, 1944, concerning the plight of your mother and sister who live in Budapest, Hungary.

Your appeal for assistance in rescuing your mother and sister from the persecution of the Nazis meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. However, I think 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. We shall, of course, do everything in our power 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 particular case 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

Miss Margaret Zikeli,
667 Ocean Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Enclosure.

Add: RSHutchisonagr 4-1-44
Mr. John W. Fehle, Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am turning to you in behalf of my mother and sister, both Hungarian citizens and living in Budapest, Hungary.

Long before this I have tried at every possible agency and committee to help my people but was turned down, that nothing can be done. At least I had a little consolation that, even if life must be hard, it might be still endurable hoping and believing that the end cannot be too far away. But now I am terrorstricken. What will become of them?

Dear Sir, please tell me what can be done. Please, don't turn me away.

Any information you desire I will happily send it to you by return mail or come to Washington myself.

Respectfully yours,
Margaret Zikeli

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