

Requests for Specific Aid: ZINDWEL, PAUL

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Dear Mr. Zindwer:

Thank you for your letter of August 30,  
1944, informing us of the arrival of your father  
with the group of refugees who were brought to the  
Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego,  
New York.

I am indeed happy for you that your father  
was able to come to the United States with this group.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Paul Zindwer,  
20 Otis Avenue,  
Dedham, Massachusetts.

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Mr. John A. Peelle  
c/o War Refugee Board  
The Army Department  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Peelle:

I had intended to write you before this to thank you for your kind letter of July 27 in answer to my inquiry about my father Mr. Nathan Zindyer who at that time resided in Southern Italy.

My father was in the meantime arrived in the United States with 900 other refugees who were sent up to Fort Ontario.

I want to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to you and the War Refugee Board who have shown such kind interest in my problem and hope that perhaps I shall, at one time or another, be of service to the Board.

Most sincerely yours,

Paul Zindyer

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In reply please  
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JUL 29 1944

Dear Mr. Zindwer:

I have your letter of July 20, 1944, requesting the assistance of the War Refugee Board in bringing your father from Italy to the United States.

Your desire to have your father included in the 1,000 refugees to be brought to the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I know you will understand, however, that the urgency of this task and the speed with which it had to be carried out precluded any selection of specific individuals by the Board. Selection of refugees was made abroad on the basis of their availability for immediate transport and their relative need.

I am enclosing for your information copies of the President's recent message to Congress, his cablegram to Ambassador Murphy in Algiers, and his memorandum of June 8, 1944, to the heads of the agencies concerned in the execution of the project. You will note from these enclosures that the individuals brought to the shelter will come to the United States outside the regular immigration laws and will be placed in the camp under appropriate military security restrictions until the end of the war, when they will be returned to their homelands. This is strictly an emergency measure, and since the persons to be given asylum here will not enter the country under the regular immigration procedure, they will not, as a result of their admission under this project, acquire any of the rights and privileges of legal immigrants.

In the event that your father is not included in this group, and if you are interested in having him enter the United States under the immigration laws, I suggest that you communicate with the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for information as to the procedure necessary.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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July 20, 1944.

Mr. John W. Pehle  
c/o Treasury Dept.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have learned from newspaper reports that this government is planning to send one thousand war refugees from the Mediteranian sector of war to a temporary shelter in Fort Ontario, New York, and after correspondence with the Dept. of State, have been referred to you as Director of the War Refugee Board.

This letter is being written in order to inquire whether there is any possibility of including my father, Nathan Zindwer, in this group of refugees.

He is an Austrian National who, after almost a year's internment in a German concentration camp, fled to Italy where in turn he was held as a civilian prisoner of war in a camp at Campagna near Salerno. His camp was liberated by American forces and he is at the present time still residing at Campagna in this military occupied zone.

My brother, my sister, and I, who have been in the United States for almost five years, are naturally very anxious to have him near us and would appreciate it if you would take this application into your kind consideration.

However, would you please advise me whether the fact that my father would be sent to Fort Ontario would bar his application for permanent residence in the United States.

I would appreciate your soon reply and thank you very much in advance for your attention.

Very truly yours,

*Paul Zindwer*

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