Requests for Aid to Town - General: Armstrong, Nellie C. (Miss)
Dear Miss Armstrong:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of October 21, 1944, concerning the fate of the Jewish people in Europe.

Since its creation on January 22, the Board has worked with other governments ready to cooperate in saving the lives of innocent persons at the mercy of the Nazis and with established private organizations engaged in refugee and relief activities. We have solicited and received suggestions from many sources, and in every instance where it was at all possible or practicable to do so these suggestions have been developed into programs designed to help in effectuating this Government's avowed humanitarian policy.

While the steps by which we have sought and are seeking to attain our objectives cannot, for obvious reasons, be described in detail, the approaches are directed to assisting persons to escape from enemy-occupied territory, to finding havens of refuge for them, to obtaining protection for and better treatment of those for whom escape is not possible, to inducing the satellites to desist from cooperation in the Nazi policy of extermination of minority peoples, and to forestalling the Nazis themselves from further campaigns of persecution and extermination of their victims. Special representatives are stationed in strategic countries to assist in the effective execution of the Board's program.

In connection with the matter of havens for refugees, you will be interested in the enclosed documents describing the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, New York, where 982 refugees are being cared for until they can be returned to their own countries at the end of the war. In addition to the shelter at Fort Ontario, a number of other facilities have been arranged to receive refugees. These include Camp Marshall Lyauty near Casablanca, a newly established shelter in Tripolitania, and expanded refugee camps in the Mediterranean area. In general, and insofar as circumstances permit, efforts are made to care for refugees in places as near to their homelands as possible.
Thank you for your interest in the fate of these persecuted people. I assure you that we will continue to do everything in our power to realize the objectives which prompted the formation of the War Refugee Board.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Miss Nellie C. Armstrong,
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Enclosures.
Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Mr. President—

I am deeply concerned about the fate of the refugees and displaced Jews in Europe. The United States and other nations have a moral obligation to protect those who have suffered under Nazi rule.

Can we not adopt a more vigorous policy in assisting our friends in their efforts to resettle and rebuild their homes in their former homelands, such as Poland, Belgium, and other countries?

Please take immediate action to help these people.
people in temporary refuge.

It was a sight that took one's breath away. The refugees who have a legal right to find a home in 

Finally, I believe the United States government should do all it can to prevent the spread of good

Ammunition is in short supply due to the fact that the United States government has declared a national emergency and rationed ammunition. If you do not have a license, you may be asked to show your license.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Last Name]