Requests for Aid to Jews - General: Dornberg, Lee (Has.)
Dear Mrs. Dornberg:

Your letter of April 18, 1944, to the Honorable Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., requesting immediate action to save the Jewish refugees, has been referred to me.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of Executive Order No. 9417, which declares it to be the policy of this Government to take all measures within its power to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford such victims all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war. Also enclosed are copies of the White House Press Release of January 22, 1944, and the President's Statement on Nazi Atrocities issued on March 24, 1944.

The Board is directing every effort to achieve the great humanitarian objectives for which it was created.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. V. Pehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Lee Dornberg
2202 Overland Ave.,
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Enclosures.
The Hon. Edward H. Stettinius, Jr.,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At the April meeting of our Missionary Society we had as a guest speaker a Mrs. Simon who has been working for the relief of Jewish Refugees. She presented a very vivid picture of the suffering and hardship and torture to which these poor souls were subjected. Her information was derived from personal experience with them having been in various countries. After a discussion of some length about the advisability of relaxing our Immigration Laws, we decided as individuals to appeal to you to do something about coming to their aid at the very earliest possible moment.

May we count on you to do all you possibly can before hundreds more of these people are either put to death or die as the result of their treatment? I know that you will when you ask yourself "Am I my brother's keeper"? The answer for all of us is "yes".

Very truly,

Mrs. Lee Dornberg,
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