Requests for Aid to Jews - General: Feingold, Alfred
In reply please refer to: 3218

Dear Mr. Feinberg:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of August 4, 1944, concerning the plight of the persecuted people in Nazi-occupied countries.

On January 22, 1944, the President created the War Refugee Board for the purpose of taking all possible measures to rescue and save the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and to afford them all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war.

To accomplish the purpose for which it was created, the War Refugee Board has initiated numerous measures to assist persons to escape from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, to find havens of refuge for them, to obtain better treatment for those for whom escape is not possible, and to induce the satellite countries to desist from cooperating with the Nazi policy of persecution and extermination of minority peoples. The Board has stationed representatives in strategic countries in order to expedite these measures.

In connection with the problem of finding places of asylum for those who are enabled to escape from enemy-controlled areas, you will be interested to know that the President has recently taken action to establish an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, which is equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees until they can be returned to their homelands, at the end of the war. Arrangements also have been and are being made to provide other facilities to care for refugees in areas nearer to their homelands.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle
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Mr. Alfred Feinberg,
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Respectfully,

ALFRED FEINBERG

The President of the United States
Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As an American citizen and one who feels deeply of the untold sufferings of unfortunate men, women and children of Nazi occupied countries I appeal to you men of conscience to whom has been entrusted great leadership, to use your good offices to bring about a salvation and place of refuge to these unfortunates.

Respectfully,

ALFRED FEINBERG