

Requests for Aid to Jews - GENERAL: HIRSCH, ABRAHAM

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In reply please
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Dear Mr. Hirsch:

President Roosevelt has referred to me your letter of July 15, 1944, urging action to save the Jewish people in Europe.

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.

I assure you that the Board is doing everything in its power to achieve its humanitarian objectives, knowing that the measure of its success will be the number of lives saved.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

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William C. Howell
 Secretary to the President

235 W. 102 St.
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 July 15, 1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
 Washington, D. C.

Dear President Roosevelt,

In the name
 of humanity, I petition you,
 leader of democracy, to take
 measures to rescue the Jews from
 the Nazis. Details need not be explained.

Respectfully yours,
 Abraham Hirsch

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