

Requests for Aid to Jews - General: HUSTON, LAETITIA P.

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In reply please
refer to: 2977

JUL 17 1944

Dear Mrs. Huston:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 9, 1944, concerning the plight of the Jewish people of 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 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 will be equipped to care for approximately 1,000 refugees for the duration of the war or until they can be returned to their homelands.

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

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Date

The Hon. Franklin D.

Dear Sir,

Knowing of your sympathy
for the awful cruelties suffered
by the Jewish Race, I ask
that all possible may be done
by your Administration
to help them.

Very truly

Laetitia P. Huston

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING
YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION
AND CONSIDERATION

Wm. Bennett
Secretary to the President

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