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Deer Mr. Rosenblatt:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 23, 1944, and for your kind offer in connection with your trip to the Near East.

I shall bear this in mind and if I have any further thoughts concerning service for the War Refugee Board I shall get in touch with you before you leave.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Bernard A. Rosenblatt, Esq.,
Rosenblatt & Enealman,
Counselors at Law,
80 Broad Street,
New York 4, N. Y.
March 23, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Referring to your letter of March 14, may I advise you that I am definitely going to England in connection with the work of the Palestine Foundation Fund and hope to be able to obtain passage during the next 3 or 4 weeks. I have my passport, and visa (which may have to be renewed) but hope that I will not be delayed.

I realize, of course, the changed situation that may confront your Board at the present time, but if you do think that I can be of any use to you either during my stay in England, or to proceed from there to the Near East, I shall be glad to volunteer my services.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mr. J. W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

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BERNARD ROSENBLATT
ALLEGRO CABANAS
SUNSET BEACH
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA

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J. W. PEMLE
I tried to reach you on the telephone near 7 yesterday, but was unable to get through. I thought I might be able to talk to Mr. Taylor (and you) through the telephone, but he was not available. Accordingly, I telegraphed tonight (notwithstanding the fact that I am usually not available evenings) and was able to put only one accommodation to reach Washington airport by Monday, Dec. 27 at 6 P.M. and asked for any hour on Tuesday.

I shall phone you immediately upon arrival at the airport to Washington on Monday and arrange appointment with Mr. Taylor that you can accept.

Thanking you for your understanding.

Very truly yours,

John Rosenblatt
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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY RELATING CONCERNING ITS SERVICE.
A call from Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, 80 Broad Street, New York, was referred down from Fehle's office. Judge Rosenblatt was calling in connection with the letter of 2/12/44 from Mr. Fehle suggesting that he call for an appointment. Judge Rosenblatt is presently in Tennessee and will be in Washington the latter part of next week. He would like us to write his New York office (with whom he is constantly in touch) and arrange for an appointment for him at that time.

Appointment made tentatively for Thursday, March 3, 3 p.m. New York Office will confirm it.
Dear Mr. Pelle,

I telephoned you yesterday from the South to get an appointment for tomorrow (Feb 23), in Washington, to discuss the matter of the War Refugees Board, in accordance with your letter of Feb 12.

Unfortunately, I missed you, and your secretary felt that the appointment might await my return journey to New York, leaving the end of next week.

In view of the fact that I shall be merely on a short 10-day vacation, I can make myself subject to call in accordance with your wishes.
I am unable and will shortly arrive in Washington earlier than advised. My address until the 4th Feb. is:

T. A. Roedlhus
Allegro Cabana House
Sunset Beach
C. C. Petersburg,
Fla.

In any event, I shall of course call upon you on my way back. I have no further information on your behalf, so that I may arrange for a proper meeting time. I would ask you not to hesitate to call upon me earlier, if necessary.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

T. A. Roedlhus
In reply please refer to: 63

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Dear Mr. Rosenblatt:

Thank you for your letter of February 7, 1944, concerning the War Refugees Board.

I would be glad to talk with you the next time you are in Washington. I suggest that you call my office for an appointment when you are planning to come.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Bernard A. Rosenblatt,
80 Broad Street,
Dear Mr. Pehle:

I had the pleasure of making your acquaintance a couple of years ago, with an introduction from Monroe Goldwater (of the law offices of Goldwater & Flynn), when I appeared as attorney in connection with some question arising out of frozen funds.

The matter about which I want to approach you now has nothing to do with legal business, but rather in connection with the highly important post you have accepted as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board, in which connection it has occurred to me to volunteer my services in a way that might be peculiarly useful.

I might refer to Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who has known me for upwards of twenty years in connection with Jewish philanthropic and charitable work, in a different field of endeavor, Edward Flynn, I believe, can testify to my organizing ability, for I conducted a highly important special department under his chairmanship in the 1940 campaign, which I manned entirely by volunteers. Then, in addition to some valuable services at no cost whatever to the National Committee, we actually turned over substantial funds to aid activities in the pivotal states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Massachusetts. (I refer to this political contest only to emphasize the effectiveness of the work done under careful management)

I have been interested in Jewish colonization efforts, particularly in Palestine, for many years - having made eighteen extended visits to the Near East (including not only Palestine, but Egypt and Syria, in the interval between the two world wars, 1919-1939), and am familiar with the questions of absorptive capacity of Palestine, and, to a lesser extent, of the surrounding territory.

I might add that I am the president of the Palestine Foundation Fund (one of the equal partners in the United Palestine Appeal) which has been spending some $2,000,000 each year for Palestine colonization and development. The Palestine Foundation Fund is the financial instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, representative alike of Zionist and non-Zionist Jews, where problems of settlement and colonization are solved on the economic plane with a minimum of political implications.
My chief avocation for years (outside of my legal practice) has been an endeavor to increase the absorptive capacity of Palestine (and nearby countries) for Jewish immigration and settlement, having been directly responsible for the establishment of three important colonization projects, besides taking an active interest in various economic enterprises in Palestine (as chairman of the Board of the Tiberias Hot Springs Co., a director of Migdal Insurance Co., and part owner of the Palestine Post - the only English daily in Palestine - in all of which I have made personal investments), which explains, in part, my frequent trips to the Near East in the last score of years. Incidentally, I successfully launched the Tel-A-Viv municipal loan, the first Palestine bond issue in history, which was sold in America soon after I returned to active legal practice after serving as a Justice of the City Magistrates' Court in New York.

It is obvious that the War Refugee Board must not ignore the possibilities for rescue work in the Near East, with Palestine as a center, because geographically and economically it is the line of "least resistance" for immigration. My thought is that my years of experience might prove of value, and such volunteer service, particularly for the Near East, may be welcomed by your Board. I should add that I am well acquainted with many of the leading personalities, not only in Palestine but in Egypt and in Syria. Ambassador Steinhardt is an old friend of mine, since I first persuaded his uncle, the late Samuel Untermyer, to become the first president of the Palestine Foundation Fund, where he was my predecessor.

I leave tomorrow late in the afternoon for a couple of weeks' vacation, but if you should desire to talk to me personally, my secretary can reach me, and I shall be glad to cancel all other appointments, to meet you in Washington on 48 hours' notice. Besides Governor Lehman and Monroe Goldwater, who are well acquainted with me, I might add that Senator O'Mahoney was a classmate of mine at Columbia University.

Thanking you in advance for any opportunity to render service in which I might be helpful, I am

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Ron. John W. Peble
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.