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Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing for your further reply a letter addressed to the House of Representatives by Mr. William E. Smith of 1826 Radcliff Avenue, New York, New York. There is also enclosed a copy of my letter to Mr. Smith.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of June 14, 1945, addressed to the House of Representatives concerning European refugees in this country has been referred to me.

Since it appears that the persons to whom you refer as refugees came to this country under the regular immigration procedure, I have referred your letter to the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The only refugees who have been brought to this country as such are the 982 persons who came to a temporary haven in the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York. The Department of the Interior is charged with over-all responsibility for the Shelter.

Very truly yours,

Florence Hodel  
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1826 Radcliff Avenue,  
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June 14, 1945

House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

When are refugees going to be shipped back to Europe - They were brought here for the duration but seem to have taken over the town. Large holders of American real estate - owners of factories, shops and stores, 6,000 made citizens thru some preference not enjoyed by others.

American soldiers in Europe doing work that could be done by these refugees. They are no good to this or any other country so why are they afforded special privileges and why are they here after the duration. When our boys come home and find themselves paying rent to these alien refugees who fled Europe after they caused the trouble and find themselves working in factories owned by these aliens what do you suppose will be their reaction? And send those 6,000 new citizens back too as they are taking away business rightly belonging to Americans. You can prove all this by inquiry -

Respectfully,

/s/ William E. Smith

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