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Dear Mrs. Suchman:

The Secretary of the Treasury has referred to me your letter of April 21, 1944, regarding the desirability of drives conducted by private Jewish relief agencies at this time for funds to aid refugees abroad.

Time is an important factor in saving the lives of the persecuted minorities, as Hitler has made clear to all the world his policy of complete extermination of all Jewish people under his control, and it is to be feared that if we wait for a more opportune time to rescue these unfortunate people, there will be few left to save.

For this reason the President, on January 22, 1944, created the War Refugee Board which is charged with the responsibility of taking all measures within its power to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death.

To accomplish this purpose, the Board is working in cooperation with private organizations which are rendering a valuable service, as they are already established and have done extensive work in the field of emergency aid and relief. A great many of the programs which the Board has developed include projects which are conducted and financed by the private agencies, which operate with funds obtained from private contributions.

You may be interested in the enclosed copies of the Executive Order, establishing the War Refugee Board, the White House Press Release of January 22, War Refugee Board Press Releases Nos. 1 through 9, and the President's Statement of March 24, on Nazi atrocities.

Very truly yours,

Signed: J. W. Pehle

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Dear Mr. Morgenthau:

I hope you wont consider me too presumptuous in invading your crowded busy hours and interrupt you in your most important duties which obviously require all your energy and time, to straighten out an important matter that occupies my mind and disturbs me very much at this time. I think it is un-patriotic in these trying times when our Nation is engaged in the bloodiest war of all times and when we are supposed to give every dollar not needed for the necessities of life to the War Chest and purchase of War Bonds and also to contribute to the Red Cross that the Jewish fund raisers insist on holding their annual drive (Business as usual) for foreign Refugee causes abroad. Thus plugging millions of dollars out of our War Chest so vitally needed to help win the war and bring our own dear ones home sooner. I have every sympathy for the victims of Nazi brutality but the Greeks, Catholics and others are also sufferers the same as the Jews. America is one of the few ^{real} Nations left and we need every dollar for the Treasury Department to win the war because if America goes down (God Forbid) Palestine and everything is lost. In my humble opinion it is stupid as well as dangerous for the Jews to drain millions of dollars from our war effort because they are competeing with their own survival. Didn't our Great President Roosevelt say that " Class interest must be subordinated in time of war for the welfare of all ". I am a mother of two sons who are in combat service over-seas and we are Jewish so you know that prejudice is out of the question. I am very much disgusted at the professional Zionists who continually be-devil and pester President Roosevelt about the so-called " White Paper". Dont they know that he is over-burdened enough with world problems? What will they gain at this time

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by embarrassing Prime Minister Winston Churchill with their demands? We must win the war first. The Palestine and Refugee issue can and should be taken up when Victory comes and should be one of the orders of business in our peace plans.

The first allegiance of every loyal American, Jew and Gentile alike should be to his Country. We certainly owe it everything we can give, especially now when our Country so desperately needs all our energy and resources to defeat the most treacherous and brutal enemies who ever cursed this world.

I share in the pride of all Americans in having you Secretary of the Treasury. Your ability and loyal service to your Country has won universal confidence. May God guard and guide you and President Roosevelt. May he bless you with good health so you may continue to bless the world.

My husband and I have invested thousands of dollars in war bonds and want to be counted in the 9th War Loan drive coming up. We are putting this all in our bank vault as a nest egg for our Soldier sons. I cant understand why some folks expect Uncle Sam to pin a medal on them for buying war bonds. They should thank Uncle Sam for this privilege because he is giving them a life-saver on today's storm-tossed sea of life and they are being paid interest ^{to boot} on this best investment ~~investment~~.

I would appreciate your opinion on this so-called Jewish " Dawn of Liberation" drive. I thought that's what we were fighting this war about. However I may be wrong in my conclusions. Therefore I will abide by your decision having every confidence in your good judgement. Hope it may be possible to receive an early reply.

Sincerely yours

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