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In reply please
refer to: 3279

AUG 26 1944

Dear Miss Tolman:

I have your letter of August 27 requesting information as to the necessary qualifications to sponsor the immigration of a family to the United States.

As matters pertaining to immigration come within the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I suggest that you refer your request for information on this subject to that Department.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Jane C. Tolman,
80 Reid Street,
Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

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~~20 Res. St.~~
Pittsfield, Mass.
Aug 27, 1944

Dear Mr. Pehle,

I have written
Mr. Becke of the National
Refuge Service twice as
you suggested but received
no reply. My number is 3063

Mail will probably soon
be able to get through to
Switzerland when my
friends Uncle will probably
be able to find a mother
for me to adopt who will
bring her children with

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law. So many have tried
to discourage me because
of immigration difficulties
I would like to know. I just
hate to get a family all
hopeful of coming to America
only to have the immigration
authorities refuse to qualify
me to take them in.

I am certain any family
healthy enough and mentally
good enough to pass
immigration authorities
would be good enough for
me. Is there not some
way I can find out whether
immigration authorities
will consider me good
enough to take them?

Sincerely yours
Jane E. Holman

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P.S. Now I am saving at the rate of one hundred dollar war bond a month plus \$50.00 a month for business investments. There is no point in continuing at this rate since, after my ~~step~~ step mother's death and she does not need it, I will have no near relatives to have the money to when I am gone. Darn it all I want to know if there is a chance of having some one else to spend the money on or if I will have only myself.

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Mrs. Adel

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*Mr. J. W. Pehle
Executive Director
Executive Office of the President
War Relocation Board
Washington 25, D. C.*

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JUL 26 1944

Dear Miss Tolman:

The President has referred to me your letter of July 16, 1944, in which you express your desire to adopt a refugee mother with young children.

Your offer to provide a home for such a family is genuine evidence of the personal responsibility you feel for sharing the freedoms which we Americans enjoy. I suggest that you write to Mr. Joseph E. Beck, National Refugee Service, 139 Centre Street, New York, New York, who may be in a position to be of assistance to you or to give you information as to the procedure to follow in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Miss Jane C. Tolman,
20 Reed Street,
Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

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Pittsfield, 3083.
July 16, 1944

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President Roosevelt
Washington, D.C. W.

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Secretary to the President

Dear Mr. President,

I think there should be some one less busy to bother about this and I hope your secretary can send the letter to whoever is in charge of the admission of refugees to America.

I have no relatives except a financially independent step mother and my income must now have gone to over \$60.00 a week about $\frac{1}{3}$ from business investment and $\frac{2}{3}$ from salary. I would like very

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much to adopt a refugee mother and if she would bring her young children with her and ~~support~~ ^{support} her in this country with her family if she would let me live ^{room + board} with the family.

My health is excellent for the job I now have, semi micro analysis at the General Electric Plastics Research Laboratory. If I put pep into handling the delicate instruments they break. But I very much doubt I would be strong enough to do the rooming end of the job. Keeping a house and clothing clean requires real elbow grease. So I would much rather adopt a family than get one by marriage. Employment in the G. E. makes me eligible for family health insurance and life insurance, though my age, 41 years, makes the latter not too attractive.

A friend of mine has an uncle who is a priest in Switzerland. She can write him as soon as occupation of Italy permits mail to get through there but I rather wanted the assurance that such a family could come to this country and stay in it before doing too much. I believe there is some refugee program now but I have no idea where to get information about it or who is in charge, if it is a real program or just an idea.

I do hope you can find some means

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P.S. I know the apt to
 make a reference they may
 not like Mrs. Williams is
 Harvard, Lincoln, Lincoln
 College, School of Social Work
 1880 Commencement at Boston & Mass.
 I received my Bachelor's degree
 from there but had to change

so I could adopt a mother
 who would have 2 or 3 young
 children. Tired as a single
 person I could not swing it
 so adoption would be necessary.
 But it seems to me \$60.00 a week
 is the average family income
 and I do not believe I have
 reached the top in my job in
 salary granted my present
 rating 8.6 where perfection is
 10. My job is one no one seems
 to like except myself. Among
 my assets in the D.E. rating
 sheet was "she likes the
 job above its monetary value
 where as most people would
 consider it but a stepping
 stone to something else. This
 will save the company the expense
 of training new men." So the
 job is steady and will not end
 with the war. I had an idea that
 not many would adopt a mother with
 the children. They only want the children.
 I need the mother to do the work for the family
 so I hope there might be
 someone.

Sincerely
 Jane C Tolman

Miss Jane C. Tolman
 30 Reed Street
 Springfield, Massachusetts

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P.S. If whom this goes to
wishes a reference they may
~~and~~ write Miss Katherine D
Hardwick, director, Simmons
College School of Social Work
18 Somerset St. Boston 8, Mass.

I received my bachelor's degree from there but had to change to chemistry because of health. I became a child diabetic in 1916 and before this job had a good deal of trouble with neuritis. Apparently though I had to discover it myself B complex ~~causes~~ the latter ~~is~~ as effective as insulin the former but acquiring health after 40 I am not expecting too much so am trying to get a family with in my present strength instead of by marriage. Besides I do not need all my income for myself alone and would really like to have someone properly childlike I knew & loved to spend it on