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Dear Mr. Goldstein:

Thank you for your letter of February 17, 1944, in response to my recent request for information and suggestions to aid the Board in formulating its rescue programs.

Similar requests were sent to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the World Jewish Congress, with which your organization is affiliated. The suggestions received from these agencies will be carefully considered, and in accordance with your request, their views will be regarded as bearing your endorsement.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank you again for your interest in this work and your good wishes for our success.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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February 17, 1944

Hon. J. W. Pehle, Acting Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D C.

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., in which we are requested to submit a statement of specific actions, which we believe the Board should take to effectuate the policy announced in the Executive order.

In reply, we wish to state that throughout the course of our existence, we have engaged in no direct relief work. Our purpose and aim always was, and will continue to be, that of keeping the organized Galician groups united in one Federation and, through this channel, direct all of their aid and assistance in relief work towards the well-known national organization, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.

We have also directed our affiliated organizations to fully cooperate with the World Jewish Congress.

It is our understanding that the two above-mentioned agencies have been recognized by your Board. Therefore, instead of submitting to you our views and suggestions of how to carry on the work of your Board to the best possible advantage, we prefer to concur with the Joint Distribution Committee and the World Jewish Congress in whatever steps will be taken by them in this direction.

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Hon. J.W. Pehle,
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February 17, 1944

However, should your Board be in need of any information regarding the activities of the several hundred organizations affiliated with our organization, also about the substantial contribution they are making towards relief work in general, we will gladly, at your request, submit a complete and detailed statement regarding this matter.

In closing, we wish to state that we are indeed very grateful for the painstaking effort that you are making in behalf of the Board to get to the core of the situation. We sincerely hope that your work may be crowned with success.

Very truly yours,

United Galician Jews of America



Samuel Goldstein
President

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