

UNITED STATES COMMITTEE for the CARE of European CHILDREN, Inc.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

*Aug 11: letter
being drafted
in Justice*

DATE August 2, 1944

*and will
be sent
to State
to day*

TO Mr. Friedman
FROM Mr. Lesser

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After discussing the letter with George Warren this afternoon, I called Ugo Carusi at the Department of Justice. Carusi is familiar with the previous undertaking, but told me that the letter of amendment (a copy of which is attached hereto) had not as yet reached him. He said that he thought that the letter had probably been routed to Commissioner Harrison of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization. He said he would try to get the letter sent to him and would then take as speedy action as possible, letting us know. I suggest that if Mr. Carusi does not call back by Friday you call him. In any event, I will talk to you about it on the telephone Friday morning. Attached hereto are drafts of minimum cables that ought to be sent to Switzerland and Spain when the Attorney General signifies approval of the amended undertaking.

*Aug 8-9 - Miss Olsen
unavailable in my
office - Carusi on
vacation
Miss Callens
to call p.m.
Aug 11 - Called Miss
Callens. Not in
Aug 7 - Carusi has not rec'd letter -
I've asked U.S. Committee
to send another today, air
mail special, att. C.
Aug 7 - Carusi since has not
received the letter.*

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ROBERT LANG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 28, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director
President's War Refugee Board
Washington, 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. L. S. Lesser

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Enclosed please find copies of our letters
to the Attorney General and State Department, about
which we spoke with you on the telephone on Thursday.

Sincerely yours,


(Miss) M. Ingeborg Olsen
Acting Director

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July 26, 1944

Mr. Howard K. Travers,
Visa Division,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Travers:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter which we have
this day sent to the Attorney General of the United States.

Very truly yours,

UNITED STATES COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF
EUROPEAN CHILDREN, INC.

By _____

President.

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July 25, 1944

Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letters of the undersigned, United States Committee for the Care of European Children, Inc. dated October 26, 1942 and September 10, 1942, and our letter of December 30, 1943, which was acknowledged in your letter of January 17, 1944.

In the letter written September 10, 1942 the assurances of the Committee were given you, as required by the provisions of the order of the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization and the Attorney General, dated July 10, 1940, relating to 1,000 children and in the letter of October 26, 1942, to 4,000 children seeking to come to the United States from unoccupied France.

Due to changes in the political situation abroad, we wish to amend these assurances so that instead of being limited to children coming from unoccupied France, they include children seeking to come to the United States from any European country, including enemy controlled countries.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the Department of State, attention of Mr. Howard K. Travers, Visa Division.

Very truly yours,

UNITED STATES COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF
EUROPEAN CHILDREN, INC.

By _____

President

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Date 4-10-44

April 6, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We are sorry that our reply to your letter asking for information about our organization and suggestions regarding future activities has been so delayed, but since we are a member of the National War Fund we are having to review again, and in considerable detail, the extent to which we are free to give assurances for future projects. This question is at present under consideration and we shall be communicating with you in greater detail very soon.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
(Miss) M. Ingeborg Olsen
Acting Director

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ROBERT LANG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 31, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle, Acting Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Thank you very much indeed for sending on
to us the letter from Private Fred W. Orth with his contribution
of \$25.00 for the work of the United States Committee.

You may be assured that the money will be
a great help to us in caring for our boys and girls. We have
written Private Orth acknowledging his contribution and sending
him our official receipt.

Sincerely yours,

M. Ingeborg Olsen
(Miss) M. Ingeborg Olsen
Acting Director

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MAR 22 1944

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a postal money order for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) from Private Fred W. Orth in New Guinea payable to your Committee, together with a transmitting letter. The letter was addressed to Washington, D.C., and was delivered in error to the War Refugee Board. I hope that your Committee will be able to use these funds and provide Private Orth with appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.

Yours very truly,

(Signed J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Acting Executive Director

U. S. Committee for Care of
European Children
215 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Enclosure.

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