March 2, 1944

TO: Mr. J. "P" Pahle

RE: Hayden Reynor

Thank you very much for sending me the outline of the accomplishments of the War Refugee Board.
In reply please refer to: S77

APR 27 1944

Dear Dick:

Here are the documents which should have been enclosed in my previous letter.

We have your name on our mailing list and I hope you have by now received the later press releases which we recently sent to you.

Very sincerely,

John

Ens. J. B. Johnston, USNR,
Hedron, Fleet Air Wing 4,
Patras 4-5,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Enclosures.

[Signature]

Original signed by

[Signature]

Barlow:agr 4-26-44
Nelson, Fleet Air Way 4
Putnam 4-3
2/10 Fleet P.O.:
San Francisco, Calif.
April 15, 1944

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter.
Since I wrote to you, I’ve heard from Buzz Aldrin, and he tells me that you have many of
the old gang working with you.

Unfortunately, someone neglected to enclose the documents you intended to send. I’d
really like to have them, if it’s not too much trouble.

Very sincerely,

Dick!
Mr. John W. Fairlie
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.
Dear Mannie:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 30, 1944, concerning my appointment. I appreciate your good wishes.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Honorable Emanuel Celler,
House of Representatives.
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Mar. 20, 1944

Dear John:

congratulations on your permanent appointment.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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Dear Mr. Shanok:

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 1944, concerning my appointment as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

I greatly appreciate your expression of good wishes and your offer of assistance in this undertaking.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mr. Louis M. Shanok,
Executive Director,
Jewish Center,
7 Dwight Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.
March 28, 1944

Mr. Robert W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

As a Yale graduate (Ph.B., 1926) and Creighton classmate (LL.B., 1930), it was with deep interest that I read of your appointment as head of the War Refugee Board.

I want to express to you my sincerest wishes for success in the very important task that you are undertaking. As an active participant in Jewish community endeavors, I am vitally interested in the work of the War Refugee Board. As a member of the American Jewish Conference, I have been reading of the memoranda that have been presented on various occasions for the rescue of the Jews trapped in Nazi lands.

I hope that your great humanitarian endeavors will be fruitful. If at any time I can be of any service to you, I shall be very happy to be called upon.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS M. SHAROK
Executive Director

Affiliated with:
New Haven Jewish Community Council • New England Associated Y. M. and Y. W. H. A.'s
National Jewish Welfare Board • Member of the New Haven Community Chest
Dear Dick:

It was good of you to write me concerning my new appointment and I sincerely appreciate your good wishes.

I am enclosing copies of the Board's Press Releases Nos. 1 through 6, and the President's Statement of March 24, 1944, which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John

Mr. J. R. Johnston, USNR,
Hindon, Fleet Air Wing Four,
Patux 4-A,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Enclosures.
Dear John:

It was with real pleasure that I learned of your appointment with the War Refugee Board. Please accept my congratulations and sincere best wishes for continued success. I first learned of your new position from my wife, and later ran across the properly laudatory item in the New Republic for February 14.

It seems to me that this country, which should be taking a position of leadership in helping war refugees has done criminally little so far in this field.

Since receiving my commission in June of last year I have spent four months in Navy schools at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and have been at my present post for about four months. I'm a long way from Washington now in terms of miles, though it doesn't take long to make the trip by air. I can't tell you where I am or very much about what I'm doing, except to say that I'm Officer-in-Charge of Patsu (Patrol Service Unit) 4-4 of Headquarters Squadron, Fleet Air Wing Four.

I have really been most fortunate to stumble into my present job in naval aviation, and I am really getting a good deal of enjoyment and satisfaction out of the work.

Elizabeth and Roger are in Los Angeles living with Elizabeth's folks (and unable to find an apartment).

I admired very greatly the way you administered the P.F.-J. program, and I shall certainly be watching with interest what news I may be able to get in this isolated place of your future career. I should appreciate your putting my name on your mailing list for any of the Board's publications which may be of general interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Johnston
Ens. J.R. Johnston, USNR
Heiron, Fleet Air Wing Four
Fatsu 4-4
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.
MAR 29 1944

Dear Aage,

Thank you for your letter of February 10, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugees Board.

I greatly appreciate your expression of good wishes for the success of this undertaking.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mr. Aage Bryn,
Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Kingston House,
Princes Gate,
Dear John,

I read in one of the London papers the other day about your appointment as Director of the War Refugee Board and wish on that occasion to send you my very best congratulations. I know it will interest you that your appointment was written up to quite some extent in the London papers.

I am sorry that I did not meet you when I was down to the Foreign Funds Control to say goodbye before my departure from Washington. I trust, however, that urvis Schmidt conveyed my regards. Anyway, I profit by this occasion to thank you most heartily for all your kindness and all your helpfulness during the years I served as the link between our Embassy and your Institution. I dare say that had it not been for your cooperation and that of all your assistants my task in Washington had been very much more difficult than it proved to be.

John W. Pehle, Esq.,
Director of the War Refugee Board,
c/o U.S. Department of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.,
U.S.A.
I wish you every luck and success in the new and certainly difficult task, and remain, with best regards to yourself, Lrs. Pehle and every one from the Foreign Funds Control,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
MAR 24 1944

Dear Irwin,

It was good of you to write me concerning my new appointment and I sincerely appreciate your good wishes.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) John

Pvt. Irwin Seibel,
610th M. P. Company,
APO 3988, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.
Dear John,

One of my ubiquitous Washington informants passed on to me the news of your recent appointment as Acting Director of the War Refugee Board. Congratulations, John! I was damned happy and proud to read and share in the Post's editorial enthusiasm with the appointment of one "John W. Fable." It did not take prophetic vision to forecast the weightier responsibilities a man of your calibre would be called upon to assume.

Please pass on my best wishes to Florence Hodel and Ward Stewart.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear Rog:

Thank you so much for your letter of February 17, 1944, concerning my new appointment. It was very good of you to write me and I sincerely appreciate your good wishes.

Sincerely,

[Signed] J. W. Pohle

Mr. Roger Spencer,
CPS #76,
Box 65,
Glendora, Calif.

FEB 24 1944

Original copy
by J. W. Pohle

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February 17, 1944

Dear John

Am glad to hear (via clipping from an Omaha paper) of your recent appointment as director of War Refugee Board. I am sure you will make a good job of it.

Good luck and good wishes,

Rog (Spencer)

ps
Roger Thorpe here says he had some contact with you while working on foreign funds in Treasury. He's educational director on this outfit and doing a good job.

John Pahle
U. S. Treasury
Washington D. C.
Dear Dr. Wise:

I deeply appreciated your letter of February 17, 1944, concerning my new appointment and your good wishes for success are most gratifying to me. We are, of course, determined to do everything in our power to carry out the President's new program concerning persecuted peoples in Europe.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
President,
American Jewish Congress,
330 West 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.
Hon. J. W. Pehle  
War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.  

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I cannot tell you how delighted I am to learn that you are become the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board. Your appointment gives us deepest satisfaction, for we know of your deep, abiding and generous concern with the problem, which has come under your direction.

With every wish that your service in the War Refugee Board may in every sense be outstanding,

Yours,

Stephen S. Wise  
President
FEB 19 1944

Dear Morris:

It was good of you to write me concerning my new appointment. I sincerely appreciate your good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehls

Mr. Morris S. Rosenthal,
Vice President,
Stein, Hall & Company, Inc.,
235 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.
February 10, 1944

Mr. John Pehle
United States Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear John:

It was good to learn that you had been chosen acting executive director of the War Refugee Board and I know that you will bring to that work the same energy and good judgment that you gave to your job in the Treasury.

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Morris S. Rosenthal
Vice President.
Dear Vernes:

It was good of you to write me concerning my new appointment. I sincerely appreciate your good wishes.

I am happy to know that you are enjoying your new work and I wish you all possible success.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

Mr. Verne B. Lewis,
6225 Sligo Parkway,
Hyattsville, Maryland.
Dear Mr. Pehle,

I was very happy to learn of your appointment as director of the new war refugee board. It is well-deserved tribute to the fine work you have done at Foreign Funds Control. I have always felt that the best recognition one could receive for a job well done is an opportunity to tackle a tougher job. I have been particularly pleased to see the laudatory comments in the papers and to hear such radio commentators as Leon Henderson praise the appointment. I want to add my congratulations to theirs and to wish you every success in this new work.

I have (I guess I'll have to get Vina to help me on my "space" problem--this typewriter jumps a space much too often) As I was saying, I have an interesting assignment now as assistant to the War Food Administrator. Most of my time is spent reviewing price regulations, food orders, and other documents which he has to sign, but the most interesting part of the work is in connection with special assignments he tosses my way from time to time. Right now I am working on a reorganization plan for War Food. Last fall I did quite a bit of work on the price support programs for farm commodities for 1944. The job I went into after leaving FFC didn't pan out very well, but the present one makes up for it. In fact, if things hadn't taken a turn for the better I would be asking you now if you could find a job for me to do at the new board. For I thoroughly enjoyed working with you at FFC and hope to have an opportunity to be associated with you again sometime.

Again, best wishes and congratulations.

Sincerely

[Signature]
Dear Mr. Hayward:

Thank you so much for your letter of February 7, 1944, concerning my new appointment. I sincerely appreciate your good wishes.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle
J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. H. A. Hayward,
Assistant Vice President,
Foreign Department,
Union Trust Company of Maryland,
Baltimore 3, Maryland.
February 7th, 1944

Mr. John L. Paree, Acting Executive Director
The Board of Directors,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Paree:

On Saturday I noticed the article in the "New York Times" outlining your appointment to the above Board. I wish to offer my congratulations and I know you will do an excellent job.

In my association with the Office of Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs, I was pleased to have some contact with you; not as much as I should have liked, but in any event, sufficient to realize your capabilities. The best of luck to you in your new venture.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

[Signature]

L. A. Hayward
Assistant Vice President
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
Dear Judge Aarons:

It is indeed gratifying to have your letter of February 8, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board. Your kind thoughts and interest are sincerely appreciated.

I assure you that no effort will be spared to achieve the aims of our Government in this undertaking. The support and good wishes of people like you are most helpful to us in our work and are an added inspiration to the high purposes in the creation of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Judge Charles L. Aarons,
Circuit Court Chambers,
Second Judicial Circuit Branch No. 8,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Mr. John W. Pehle,
U. S. Treasury Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Press reports tell me of the creation of the War Refugee Board and of your selection as the director. The establishment of this Board is a matter of such importance, that, in my opinion, if the work is effectively conducted, it will stand out as one of the greatest deeds of the present generation. I say this because it reaches toward the highest level of civilization's progress. It seeks to preserve - or to save - the reputation of this era of history for the achievement by man of what I like to think is the Divine purpose of his existence on earth. To be chosen to engage and to lead in activities having such objectives is indeed a great distinction as well as an unusual privilege. The work of the War Refugee Board will be anxiously watched by all men who pray for the restoration of the true meaning of the word "human."

I want to tender my congratulations not only to you but to suffering and oppressed humanity.

May the Board under your leadership meet with unbounded success.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

CLA/hlv
Dear Mr. Chadbourne:

Thank you for your letter of February 7, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board.

Your good wishes for the success of the Board are greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. William M. Chadbourne,
Chadbourne, Hunt, Jaeckel & Brown,
70 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y., New York.
A simple thank-you letter.

F. Hodel
Room 190
My dear Mr. Pehle:

May I wish you the success I know you will have in your new most important post?

believe me

Very truly yours,

William H. Beddour

Honorable John W. Pehle,
War Refugee Board,
Washington,
D. C.
Dear Jim:

It was good of you to write me concerning my new appointment. I sincerely appreciate your good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pohle

Mr. James E. Markham,
Office of the Alien Property Custodian,
Washington, D. C.

FEB 15 1944

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Dear John:

I read an editorial last night in a Washington paper concerning your new job. I was particularly interested in the many complimentary references that were made about you. I am sure that you will meet all of the expectations of those who know you by doing your usual excellent job. I only regret that our direct relationships have been temporarily severed.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Bethesda, Maryland
Dear Mr. Gottschalk:

Thank you for your letter of February 8, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board.

I am indeed grateful for the interest and good wishes which you have expressed for this undertaking and I assure you that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Max Gottschalk,
Hina-Ica Emigration Association, Inc.,
386 Fourth Avenue,
New York, New York.
February 8, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
Treasury Department
Room 288
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

It is with very great pleasure that I learned that you have been appointed by the President, Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

My personal meetings with you and the report Mr. Dijour gave me of his recent conference with you, convinced me that under your energetic and devoted direction, the important task which has been entrusted in you will be conducted in the best possible way.

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours very sincerely

[Signature]

Max Gotteschalk
Dear Mr. Altschul:

Thank you for your letter of February 7, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board.

I am indeed grateful for your interest and good wishes. I am confident that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Your offer of assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Frank Altschul,
40 Wall Street,
February 7, 1944

My dear Mr. Pohle,

This is to convey to you my warm congratulations on your appointment to an extraordinarily constructive and much needed field of national endeavor.

From my contacts with you, I have had occasion to experience in your conduct those qualities of intelligence, fairness and sympathetic understanding which should qualify you pre-eminently for your new assignment. I feel that everybody who is interested in the work that you are now undertaking should share congratulations with you.

If I can at any time be of any assistance to you, I would appreciate exceedingly your calling on me.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. John W. Pohle,
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Claflin:

Thank you for your letter of February 8, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board.

I am indeed grateful for the interest and good wishes which you have expressed for this undertaking and I assure you that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. A. Claflin,
French American Banking Corporation,
31 Nassau Street,
New York 6, New York.
February 8, 1942

Mr. John W. Fehl
U. S. Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fehl,

I read with interest about your appointment as acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board.

You have in my opinion done one of the outstanding war time jobs in the organization and management of the Foreign Funds Control and I am delighted to see you given recognition for it.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

H. C. FALIN
Dear Mr. Kingdon:

Thank you for your letter of February 7, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board.

I am indeed grateful for the interest which you have expressed in this undertaking, and I assure you that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Your offer of the assistance of your organization is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Frank Kingdon,
Chairman,
International Rescue and Relief Committee, Inc.,
2 West 43rd Street,
New York 18, New York.
International Rescue and Relief Committee
Incorporated
Combining: Emergency Rescue Committee, Inc.
International Relief Association, Inc.
2 WEST 43rd STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

February 7, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The International Rescue and Relief Committee is very pleased to hear that you have been appointed Executive Director of the War Refugee Board and I take this opportunity to offer the services and full cooperation of our organization.

This committee has had much experience in the rescue of endangered anti-Nazis and we would like to offer the benefit of that experience for the quickest possible destruction of the Axis.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank Kingdon
Chairman

Member Agency of the National War Fund through affiliation with Refugee Relief Trustees
Dear Mr. Sonnenreich:

Thank you for your letter of February 8, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board.

I am indeed grateful for the interest and good wishes which you have expressed for this undertaking, and I assure you that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Your offer of the assistance of your organization is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Charles Sonnenreich,
The United European Jews
of America,
110 West 40th Street,
New York, New York.

[Handwritten note: 2/10/44]
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DR. CHARLES H. KREMER

John V. Feible, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Feible:

Our organization, representative of American Jews of Roumanian descent, was pleased to learn of your appointment as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board. We are certain that your experience and background will enable you to successfully carry on the task you have undertaken.

We should like to assure you of our willingness and desire to cooperate with you and the Board to the fullest extent so that all oppressed people and in particular the thousands of our brethren in Roumania face their trials.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES SONNENREICH
Dear Oscar:

It was good of you to write me on my appointment. I sincerely appreciate your good wishes and the help which you have given us on this difficult job.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

Mr. Oscar Cox,
Room 1057,
Temporary T Building,
Washington, D. C.
February 5, 1944

Dear John:

Right will cut — even though it
takes a long time.

I felt from the outset that you were
the guy who could really do the job. It is good
to have the final appointment corroborate this.

Sincerely

[Signature]

John W. Pehle, Esq.
Acting Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building — Room 286½
Washington, D.C.
In reply please refer to: 37

Dear Mr. Siskind:

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board.

I am indeed grateful for the interest and good wishes which you have expressed for this undertaking, and I assure you that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Your offer of your personal services or those of your office is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Max Siskind,
130 West 42nd Street,
New York 18, New York.
February 5, 1944

Honorable John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Office of Emergency Management
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The writer was especially pleased to read in this morning's papers of your appointment to the post of Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

I, for one, being familiar with your splendid accomplishments in getting the Foreign Fund Control of the Treasury Department under way, know there is no question but that the War Refugee Board will have the same success.

If there is any way in which I can be of assistance in your new undertaking, please do not hesitate to call upon me or the services of this office.

With congratulations and best wishes, I am, with congratulations and best wishes, I

Sincerely yours,

Max Siskind

[Signature]

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Dear Mr. Spiegler:

Thank you for your letter of February 7, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugees Board.

I am indeed grateful for the interest and good wishes which you have expressed for this undertaking, and I assure you that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Your offer of your personal assistance and that of your organization is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Peble

J. W. Peble
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Louis E. Spiegler,
Counsel,
Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society,
1317 F Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.
February 7, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle, Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pehle:

I was very happy to learn of your appointment as Director of the War Refugee Board and hasten to extend to you my congratulations and best wishes for a successful administration of its affairs. The rescue job which the War Refugee Board is undertaking involves the lives of countless numbers of people in imminent danger of extermination. I have an abiding confidence that under your energetic and considerate direction much will be accomplished.

I want to reiterate what is already known to you - that the resources and personnel of HIAS, here and abroad, are at your disposal. If there is any service which I can render personally, please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Louis E. SPIEGEL
Counsel
Dear Mr. Assofsky:

Thank you for your letter of February 6, 1944, concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the new War Refugee Board.

I am indeed grateful for the interest and good wishes which you have expressed for this undertaking, and I assure you that every effort will be made to realize the objectives of our Government in the establishment of the Board.

Your offer of the assistance of your organization is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Isaac L. Assofsky,
Executive Director,
Hebrew Sheltering and
Immigrant Aid Society,
426 Lafayette Street,

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J. W. FEHLE
DIRECTOR, FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL
February 6th, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I was immensely pleased to read in the press of your appointment as executive director of the War Refugee Board.

May I, for myself, and in behalf of the Board of Directors of HIAS congratulate you on your appointment and to wish you the fullest measure of success in your endeavors to aid in the rescue of the persecuted from Nazidom.

With repeated assurances of our sincere desire to be helpful to you in this great humanitarian effort, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Isaac L. Asofsky
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Gentlemen:

I have received your telegram concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board. I sincerely appreciate your well wishes and your offer of support and assistance.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Messrs. Israel Goldstein,
Henry Monsky, Stephen S. Wise,
Co-Chairman, Interim Committee,
American Jewish Conference,
521 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Floyd 2/9/44
Gentlemen:

I have received your telegram concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board. I sincerely appreciate your well wishes and your offer of support and assistance.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Acting Executive Director

Messrs. Herman Shulman and
Irving Miller,
Commission on Rescue,
American Jewish Conference,
521 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.
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JOHN W PEHLE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOUR APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD. YOURS IS A TASK OF HUMANITY AND
WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR ABILITY AND DEVOTION TO THIS
WORK, SO WELL DEMONSTRATED IN YOUR COOPERATION IN THE PAST
WILL RESTORE THE HOPE FOR LIFE TO COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF
THE NAZI DEATH LIST AND WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE IMMEDIATE
RESCUE OF THOSE WHO CAN BE SAVED. ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN
JEWISH CONFERENCE, WE OFFER YOU EVERY MEASURE OF SUPPORT
AND ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN HENRY MONSKY AND STEPHEN WISE COCHAIRMEN
INTERIM COMMITTEE HERMAN SULMAN AND IRVING
MILLER FOR THE COMMISSION ON RESCUE

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Dear Mr. Bergson:

I have received your telegram concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board. I sincerely appreciate your well wishes and your offer of support and assistance.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pohle

J. W. Pohle
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Peter H. Bergson,
Co-Chairman,
Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe,
2317 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
JOHN Y. PEHLE

ACTING DIRECTOR, WAR REFUGEE BOARD, TREASURY DEPT.

WE WELCOME YOUR APPOINTMENT YOU NOW HEAD CIVILIZATIONS BATTLE AGAINST MASSACRE ONLY WITH ALL YOUR COURAGE IMAGINATION AND DAUNTLESS ENERGY WILL YOU BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT YOUR MOMENTOUS UNDERTAKING IT IS AN HISTORIC TASK YOU HAVE OUR WHOLE HEARTED COOPERATION WE PRAY THAT GOD BLESS YOUR ENDEAVORS

PETER H. BERGSON COCHAIRMAN, EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE

1057A
Dear Mr. Held:

I have received your telegram concerning my appointment as Acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board. I sincerely appreciate your well wishes and your offer of support and assistance.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

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Mr. Adolph Held,
Chairman,
Jewish Labor Committee,
175 East Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

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ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND JEWISH TRADE UNIONISTS IN THE UNITED STATES AFFILIATED WITH THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE END THE ANTINAZI LABOR UNDERGROUND IN EUROPE WHOSE WE HAVE BEEN HELPING FOR THE PAST DECADE AND WITH WHOM WE MAINTAIN UNINTERRUPTED CONTACT WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD MAY THIS GREAT EFFORT OF YOURS BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS WE ON OUR PART PLEDGE YOU OUR COMPLETE SUPPORT

ADOLPH HELD CHAIRMEN JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE

1252P
Dear Mr. Held:

Thank you for your letter of February 15, 1945, concerning my appointment as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

Your good wishes and your offer of assistance are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. Adolph Held, Chairman,
Jewish Labor Committee,
175 East Broadway,
Jewish Labor Committee
175 EAST BROADWAY
NEW YORK 2, N. Y.

February 15, 1945

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Jewish Labor Committee and its affiliated groups and organizations, including the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, the United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers' Union, the United Hebrew Trades, the Workmen's Circle, and others, comprising an aggregate membership of one half million people, we wish to extend to you our congratulations and well-wishes upon your appointment and assumption of the directorship of the War Refugee Board.

The Jewish Labor Committee has, throughout the existence of the War Refugee Board, been in regular connection with it, and worked very closely to assist the rescue of as many victims under the heel of Nazism as possible. We are happy to note that at all times we have received the full cooperation from your predecessor, John W. Peble, as well as the entire staff.

Although many of the countries have already been liberated from Nazi bondage, there are still some lands under the heel of Hitlerism, with many of the survivors looking for an escape or a temporary haven in the democratic countries. The job of the War Refugee Board is not over, by any stretch of the imagination. The tasks ahead of us are still very grave, and the body which you are fortunate in heading can, in the future, be of great service to the cause of humanitarianism and freedom.

As heretofore, our organization will be most happy to extend assistance to you in any way possible, and will be in touch with your office when the occasion arises.

Sincerely yours,

Adolph Held
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Dear Mr. Riegelman:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 1945, concerning my appointment as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

It is indeed a field of important work in which I am privileged to serve, and your good wishes in my new undertaking are deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) William O' Dyser

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. Charles A. Riegelman,
President,
National Refugee Service,
139 Centre Street,
New York 13, New York.
February 9, 1945

Brig. General William O'Dwyer, Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General O'Dwyer:

The Officers and Executive Committee of the National Refugee Service join me in extending heartiest congratulations to you on your appointment as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

The National Refugee Service has enjoyed splendid cooperative relationships with the War Refugee Board since its formation in January 1944. When President Roosevelt created the War Refugee Board, I offered the full cooperation of the National Refugee Service in the task of rescuing and aiding victims of Nazi and fascist persecution. I expressed these sentiments on behalf not only of the National Refugee Service, but of more than 900 communities in the United States with whose association our work is conducted. From time to time, we have been privileged to aid the War Refugee Board in its highly significant efforts. At the present time, as you may know, the National Refugee Service is actively engaged in a program of supplemental aid to the refugees in the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, in Oswego, New York.

We are gratified that a man of your vision and strength of purpose has seen fit to bring these ever important qualifications to a position of such grave significance.

Very truly yours,

Charles A. Riegelman, President
National Refugee Service

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Dear Maldwin:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 30, 1945, concerning my recent appointment as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

It is indeed a field of important work in which I am privileged to serve, and your good wishes in my new undertaking are much appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Handwritten) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. Maldwin Fertig,
26 Liberty Street,
January 30, 1945

General William O'Dwyer
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

Hail to the new chief of the War Refugee Board!

We are all confident that you will add a new chapter in a long record of devoted public service, this time in the field of direct humanitarian service.

All good luck to you.

Cordially,

M. Maldwin Fertig
Dear Mr. Swope:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of January 29, 1945, concerning my new appointment as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

The Board's field of work is indeed one of great consequence, and I am pleased to have your good wishes and your offer of assistance in this vital task.

Sincerely,

(signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Honorable Herbert Bayard Swope,

745 Fifth Avenue,

FEB 7 1945
January 29, 1945

My dear General:-

I congratulate you on the new appointment. It is one which offers a wide field of usefulness along humanitarian lines that are, I understand, of absorbing interest to you.

You follow a good man - John Fehle. He will tell you of my offer to be of help to him in any way I can. That readiness is present just as much and, perhaps even more since we are fellow New Yorkers. The Overseas News Agency, of which I am Chairman, too, will be glad to cooperate.

Best wishes.

[Signature]

Herbert Bayard Swope
755 Fifth Avenue
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