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Dear Miss Wolowitz:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 27, 1944.

I regret that the War Refugee Board is not in a position to comment on the statement from the Jewish Exponent enclosed in your letter. For your information, Mr. Ira A. Hirschmann left the War Refugee Board some time ago.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle

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Mr John Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington D.C.

My dear Mr Pehle,

I am enclosing a statement from the Jewish Exponent. It is self explanatory. In the past, I have been a contributor to this "worthwhile organization". This item in the paper has me very confused. Please Mr Pehle could you take time to please answer me. Kindly verify or reject this statement as the case may be. The work of the War Refugee Board is to be commended and your courage and honesty in releasing the atrocity stories to the papers was truly American.

Thanking you in advance

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Saw No Evidence Of Bergsonites Rescue Work

Ira Hirshman Makes Significant Statement "as a Representative of the American Government"

NEW YORK (JPS) — The American Zionist Emergency Council released the following statement by Ira Hirschmann, special envoy of the President's War Refugee Board in Istanbul:

"I authorize you to state in my name that as a representative of the American Government I had control over all funds which Mr. Eri Jabotinsky, representative of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, received in Constantinople from America, and I say that while I was there I had no evidence whatever that Mr. Jabotinsky — the only one there representing his Committee — saved even one European Jew."

Mr. Hirschmann, the Council revealed, made this statement in reply to a specific question as to whether he was in possession of information that would corroborate a statement in the press that the Committee brought into Palestine 30,000 Jews from the Balkans.