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October 12, 1944.

Dear Miss Rowland:

Reference is made to your letter of October 10, 1944.

I shall be glad to see you and Dr. Dupre on Wednesday, October 18, and suggest that you call my office upon your arrival in order to make a definite appointment. The telephone number is Executive 6400, Extension 5371.

Very truly yours,

(Signed J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director.

Wilmina Rowland, Executive Secretary,
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October 10, 1944

Mr. John W. Penle
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Penle:

I wonder if you recall the visit which Mr. Roland Elliott and I paid to you and your associates several months ago. I am writing now to ask if you will again accord the privilege to me and Dr. Muntley Dupre who is to be my successor as Executive Secretary of the WSSF when I leave the office November first. We have no particularly serious business to discuss with you but I would very much like to have you and Dr. Dupre meet each other.

I am to have the interesting assignment of going to our Geneva office sometime after the first of the year. I am sure our people there will want to know a bit more than I know about the War Refugee Board, so I shall be very glad too to have the opportunity of talking with you a bit.

Dr. Dupre and I are to be in Washington on Wednesday, October 18th and the morning of Thursday, the 19th. We have an appointment with Mr. Brunot of the President's War Relief Control Board at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Since his office is near yours we would be very happy to see you on that same day at say 3:00 o'clock. If, however, this hour is not a good one for you please do not hesitate to suggest another one. Most of our other appointments can be made by telephone after we reach Washington, so that our schedule will not be very rigid.

Very sincerely yours,



Wilmina Rowland.

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June 12, 1944

Miss Florence Model
War Refugee Board
Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Model:

after a conference with Mr. Tracy Strong, we have decided that it is not advisable for the World Student Service Fund to ask for a change in the terms of the present license under which our funds go to Europe. Our colleagues in Geneva have not requested that this be done and since the total situation regarding France may be changed within the months ahead, we think it is better to let the situation remain as it is.

Thank you so much for your helpfulness.

Very sincerely yours,

Wilmina Rowland

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May 5, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
288 U.S. Treasury Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

It was awfully good to meet you and have a chance to talk when Roland Elliott and I were in Washington the other day.

It now occurs to me that there is something else I should have talked with you about. Perhaps you will be kind enough to give me the information by letter, however.

I have recently heard that the Treasury Department's restrictions have been lightened on the sending of money into France for aid to refugees. I wonder if you could tell me something of this. I am wondering whether the nature of this change is such that it would affect our work. If so, perhaps I should cable the European Student Relief Fund in Geneva and tell them of this fact so that they can feel that there is greater flexibility possible for their use of the funds we send them.

Of course it may be that the change in restrictions ^{is} ~~are~~ not relevant to the work we do. I will be glad for your help on this.

Please remember me to Mr. Abramson and Mr. Lesser.

Most sincerely,

Wilmina Rowland

Wilmina Rowland

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Handwritten note:
This is a letter from Wilmina Rowland who did write
me a letter some time ago - to do after she was
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April 26, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I am to be in Washington on next Monday, May 1st and I would like so much to have the opportunity of a short conversation with you. Mr. Roland Elliott, Secretary of the North American Affiliated Committee of World Student Relief is to be in Washington on the same day and I think it would be helpful if he came with me. As you probably know, World Student Relief is the administering agency for the World Student Service Fund which is the educational and money-raising organization for the relief of student victims of war in all parts of the world.

Is your day such that you would like to suggest a definite hour for us to have an appointment with you? If not, I will be very glad to phone you during the early part of the morning and to arrange an hour that might be mutually satisfactory.

Most sincerely,

Wilmina Rowland
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 CC: Mr. Roland Elliott

Handwritten notes

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refer to: 353

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Dear Miss Rowland:

I have your letter of March 17, 1944, and the booklet and chart which you sent under separate cover, submitting information relative to the work of your organization in furnishing relief to refugee students in various parts of the world.

Your cooperation in making this information available to us is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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March 17, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
War Refugee Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Our General Committee has asked that I write to give you some information about the World Student Service Fund and the work which we carry on for refugees in various parts of the world. Their thought was that undoubtedly the President's War Refugee Board will wish to assemble information on the programs of the various organizations in this country which raise funds for relief to refugees.

The World Student Service Fund has been in existence since 1937 when it began operations as the Far Eastern Student Service Fund, raising money for aid to evacuee students in China. When the war spread to Europe, it became the World Student Service Fund. It operates primarily in colleges, preparatory schools and theological seminaries, in the United States, carrying on an educational and fund-raising function there. During these years, more than half a million dollars has been raised from American students. Though the World Student Service Fund is now a participating service of the National War Fund, they have encouraged us to continue our operations in the colleges, realizing that we touch that field as no other organization can do.

The World Student Service Fund as such is solely an educational and fund-raising organization. The task of the administration of relief made possible through our funds is done by World Student Relief. This is the world organization, with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, formed by the three major international student organizations, the World's Student Christian Federation, Pax Romana and International Student Service. World Student Relief has four major administrative committees which now function in 16 countries on five continents. Under separate cover I am sending a chart which may help you to understand the structure of the enterprise of World Student Relief.

Let me underscore the fact that the work of World Student Relief is directed solely toward students and professors who are victims of war. Its purpose is to enable people of student interests to keep on studying despite the dislocations of the war. As you can readily grasp, its concern is to salvage and continue to produce the trained leadership that is so essential today and that will be even more important in the rebuilding tasks of the postwar period.

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From the first, aid to refugee students has been an important part of the work of World Student Relief. Under separate cover I am sending you a booklet, "The Story of World Student Relief, 1937 - 43". I have red-pencilled sections on page 15, 18. These describe what is done for refugee students in Europe and in the United States.

This booklet will not tell, however, of a quite new development in our work of which we have been recently advised by the European Student Relief Fund, the administering committee of World Student Relief, in Geneva. This new piece of work has become necessary because of the great influx of refugees into Switzerland from Italy. Among this number were approximately 2,000 students. The European Student Relief Fund, with the cooperation of the Swiss authorities, is operating special university camps in which students among the Italian refugees have been segregated. The hearty cooperation of the Swiss universities has been given and Swiss professors go to these camps and lecture to the interned students after completing their regular work in their own universities. Some 500 students are studying under this system. The ESRF's program is costing approximately \$5.00 per capita which provides books, study materials and some laboratory and other equipment to make this program possible.

Besides this, 40 Greek students and 250 Yugoslav students are among the refugees who have recently come to Italy. The European Student Relief Fund has been able to secure individual admission for these students in the Swiss universities. The aid given these students is not for food or any other type of material relief but rather for university fees, books, study materials, etc.

The resources of the European Student Relief Fund have been sorely taxed by the unexpected addition of this new program in Switzerland. They will undoubtedly need to increase the program as more and more students will continue to pour into Switzerland in the months ahead.

This development naturally presents us with the problem of how to help provide from American sources our share in the additional cost of this highly important and specialized program for student refugees in Switzerland. No other organization is doing this particular job; but all refugee organizations naturally will continue to be interested in seeing World Student Relief keep up its program for these refugees whose future leadership will be so urgently needed.

We will be only too glad to provide you with any further information you may wish, particularly if you have specific questions to ask concerning our work. Some members of our staff or committee will come to Washington to consult with you if you should feel that this would be desirable.

Very sincerely yours,

Wilmina Rowland

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Wilmina Rowland
Executive Secretary

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