

Cooperation with Other Governments: Latin America: Colombia

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LATIN AMERICAN (COLOMBIA)

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1. FOR MATERIAL RELATIVE TO ASSURANCES TO SWITZERLAND OF LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS, SIMILAR TO THOSE GIVEN BY THIS GOVERNMENT RE ISSUANCE OF UP TO 4000 IMMIGRATION VISAS TO REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM AXIS TERRITORY
2. FOR MATERIAL RE CERTAIN NOTES BEARING UPON THE PROTECTION AND EXCHANGE OF LATIN AMERICAN PASSPORT HOLDERS, WHICH THE POLISH MINISTER IN COLOMBIA PROPOSED TO ADDRESS TO THREE AMERICAN REPUBLICS

SEE: 1. PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF AND RESCUE OF REFUGEES: EVACUATION TO SWITZERLAND

(EVACUATION OF ABANDONED CHILDREN FROM FRANCE)

2. PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF AND RESCUE OF REFUGEES: OTHER MEANS OF EFFECTING RESCUES

(RECOGNITION OF LATIN AMERICAN PASSPORTS)

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My dear Mr. Daniels:

The Secretary of State has referred to me a copy of your Dispatch No. 3321, of February 4, 1944, in reply to the Department of State's circular airgram of January 26, 1944, concerning the establishment of the War Refugee Board.

Your cooperation in making this information available is appreciated, and the comments embodied in your dispatch are being carefully studied. <

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bogotá, Colombia, March 27, 1944.

3 War Refugee Board (Tracy)

No. 3511

Subject: Assistance to War Refugees

**SPECIAL ADVISER ON
SUPPLY AND RESOURCES
MARCH 1944
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Supplementing the Embassy's despatch no. 3321 of February 4, 1944, and with reference to the Department's circular airgram of February 29, 7:30 p.m., I have the honor to report that the policies and activities of the War Refugee Board were again discussed today with the Acting Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was suggested that the Colombian Government might wish to implement its cooperation in the humanitarian work of the War Refugee Board by issuing a declaration of policy similar to that made by President Roosevelt, and issue instructions to Colombian representatives abroad to cooperate in the work of the War Refugee Board.

Dr. Caballero Escovar said that he would discuss with other officials the possibility of Acting President Echandía issuing a public declaration of sympathy and support for the work of the War Refugee Board, and seemed personally to be sympathetic to the suggestion. He was non-committal with regard to the possibility of sending instructions to Colombian diplomatic and consular officers. The Embassy will continue to follow this matter and keep the Department informed of developments.

Respectfully yours,

Arthur Bliss Lane

Original to the Department.
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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 3321

Bogotá, Colombia, February 4, 1944

Subject: Assistance to War Refugees

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's circular airgram of January 26, 7 p.m. regarding the executive order of January 22, creating a War Refugee Board consisting of the Secretaries of State, Treasury and War, charged with taking action for the immediate rescue and relief of the Jews of Europe and other victims of enemy persecution. In accordance with the Department's instruction, the policy expressed in the President's executive order has been explained to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the airgram has been repeated to all Consular offices in Colombia.

In discussing this broad program with Dr. CABALLERO Escovar, Acting Secretary General of the Foreign Office, the latter expressed the desire of the Colombian Government to cooperate fully with the War Refugee Board, the Intergovernmental Committee, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and other interested international organizations, in extending humanitarian assistance to European war refugees. He said that no obstacles existed at present in Colombia to the entry of such refugees, other than the natural and necessary wartime controls governing the movement of all aliens. He pointed out that there were already in Colombia a number of European refugees, including Jews. He added that the problem was not at present a very acute one in Colombia, due to the difficulties of transportation which prevented any large number of refugees from arriving at Colombian ports.

With reference to the future, Dr. Caballero Escovar stated that the Colombian Government was now studying the immigration policy which it should adopt for the post-war period. He said that while there was a certain need for immigration in Colombia as well as other American Republics, it was the desire of his Government for such immigration to be on a selective basis, so that only those immigrants who could adjust themselves to living in Colombia and contributing to the welfare and advancement of the country would be permitted entry. It

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was apparent from the discussion that while the Colombian Government is prepared to cooperate in a general way in extending humanitarian assistance to European war refugees, at the same time it will adjust its policy and action in this regard to its national immigration policy, now under study, with a view to protecting Colombia against any uncontrolled influx of undesirable refugees.

The Embassy will, of course, keep actively in mind the President's policy as set forth in the airgram under acknowledgment, and will make its facilities freely available in all appropriate cases in order to assist the War Refugee Board in its important task.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Paul C. Daniels
Counselor of Embassy

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