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My dear Mr. Kaiv:

I have your letter of August 4, 1944, in which you ask if the War Refugee Board can extend assistance to Estonian refugees in Sweden.

There is enclosed a copy of the President's Executive Order of January 22, 1944, describing the duties for which the War Refugee Board was established. It would appear that the persons in whom you are interested are not in imminent danger of death and that the type of assistance desired is not within the Board's jurisdiction.

I suggest that you present your problem to private relief organizations interested in this type of work through the President's War Relief Control Board or the National War Fund.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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August 4, 1944

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Dear Sir:

To my latest information there are in Sweden at present about two thousand Estonians who have escaped from Estonia. This number is increasing daily. All these people have escaped without any property and with very few personal belongings and therefore are in great need of outside help.

I would appreciate it very much if you would inform me whether the War Refugees Board can extend any assistance to those unfortunate Estonian refugees.

Very truly yours,


J. Kaiv
Acting Consul General
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