

Programs with Respect to Relief
and Rescue of Refugees: Permanent
Resettlement

In Other Countries
(Mexico)

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Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

AIRGRAM

FROM Mexico, D. F.
DATE: March 6, 1944
REC'D: March 7, 1944

A-710, March 7, 11 a. m.

Reference is made to Department's telegram 404 dated February 26 with regard to proposal to move Spanish Republican refugees from North Africa to Mexico.

An officer of the Embassy discussed this matter on two occasions since receipt of the Department's telegram, with Lic. Tello, Official Mayor of the Mexican Foreign Office, and with another official there. Lic. Tello stated that the Mexican-Spanish Commission has agreed to accept these 1,600 refugees, and that the matter is now in the hands of Gobernacion for final approval. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs requested Gobernacion last week to expedite its action, and Lic. Tello expects a definite reply within a few days.

The Official Mayor mentioned that the Gobernacion member of the Mexican-Spanish Commission suggested that the refugees, upon arrival in the United States, be visaed individually by Mexican consular officials. The Foreign Office, however, has decided that this would be impractical, and will arrange for the issuance of a group visa. Lic. Tello hopes that the ship or ships bringing the refugees disembark them at an American port as near as possible to the Mexican border, and he said that the Mexican Government would be agreeable to disembarkation at Tampico, if this should be feasible.

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War Refugee Board

February 26, 1944

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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EMBASSY,

MEXICO, D.F.
404, twenty-sixth

Please advise Department regarding present status
of proposal to move Spanish-Republican refugees from
North Africa to Mexico which is subject of Department's
instruction no. 5011 December 30, 1943.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

I called Mr. Warren of the State Department today concerning Cable No. 1274 of February 15 from London, relating to the removal of Spanish republican refugees from North Africa to Mexico. I pointed out that this cable requested the State Department to expedite the arrangements with Mexico. I stated that I assumed that the State Department would press forward on this matter, and that we would appreciate being kept advised of all developments in connection therewith.

Mr. Warren stated that he had not as yet seen the cable but that he would get a copy immediately and that the State Department would follow through on the matter. He said he would keep us advised on the developments.

JED
J. E. D.

cc: Messrs. Pehle, Luxford, Friedman, Lesser, Stewart, and Miss Hodel.