

Letter with respect to Rules  
of the House of Representatives  
and the Senate

Navy Department

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January 3, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Following Colonel Cutting's conversation with Mr. Pahl on January 2, Lieutenant Stockhausen, U.S.N., called on me to discuss a proposed cable to the Commanding Generals of the European, Mediterranean and Middle East Theaters of Operation. The following were the main points in the draft presented by Mr. Stockhausen:

1. All refugees from Axis territory to be screened at the first possible opportunity for counter-intelligence and to prevent enemy agents from coming through;
2. The most convenient military agency is to be used to conduct the interrogation of the refugees along their route of travel or at their destination;
3. Reference is made to the Executive Order establishing the War Refugee Board and charging it with the responsibility of developing plans for rescue of victims of enemy oppression and to find temporary havens for such persons;
4. Theater Commanders are advised that the local representative of the War Refugee Board will be requested to inform the Theater Commanders whenever refugees are released from Axis territory within their respective commands;
5. Reference is made to the fact that 1300 refugees are now in Switzerland awaiting further transportation.

After a general discussion with Mr. Stockhausen of our principal remaining operations and a statement of the facts as far as we know them concerning possible movement of refugees from Switzerland, Mr. Stockhausen advised me that he felt he should discuss the matter in more detail with Colonel Cutting and that he would inform us of any action that might be taken with respect to the proposed cable. It is contemplated that the War Refugee Board will issue an appropriate instruction to its representatives if the above-mentioned cable is dispatched to the Theater Commanders.

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My dear Mr. McCloy:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 3, 1944, advising that a message concerning the establishment and responsibilities of the War Refugee Board has been dispatched to the appropriate Theater Commanders and that the Navy Department has taken action to inform the U. S. Navy Commander concerned.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Acting Executive Director

Honorable John J. McCloy,

Assistant Secretary of War.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

3 March 1944

Dear Sir, (Encls. 1)

As I informed you previously, the proposal contained in your letter of January 20, 1944, regarding the War Department cooperation with the War Relocation Authority, was referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for their consideration.

As a result of their study on this matter, a message and the to-stake proposed by you has been dispatched to the appropriate U.S. Army Commanders. I have been informed that the Army Department has taken the necessary action to inform the U.S. Army Commander concerned.

Sincerely yours,

*J. J. Kelly*  
Assistant Secretary of War

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

5 March 1944

Mr. John A. Ford  
Acting Executive Director  
War Relocation Authority  
War Relocation Authority  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

In a letter dated January 29, 1944, the Secretary of the Treasury suggested that the appropriate Theater Commanders be informed of the outlayments and responsibilities of the War Relocation Authority. Mr. Koegonhan's letter, containing a proposed message to be dispatched to the Theater Commanders, was referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for their consideration.

As a result of their study on this matter, a message similar to that proposed by Mr. Koegonhan has been dispatched to the appropriate U.S. Army Commanders. I have been informed that the Navy Department has taken the necessary action to inform the U.S. Navy Commander concerned.

*J. Gully*  
Assistant Secretary of War.

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