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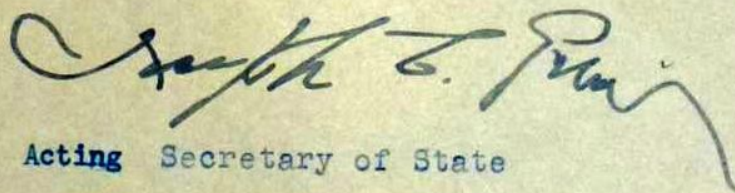
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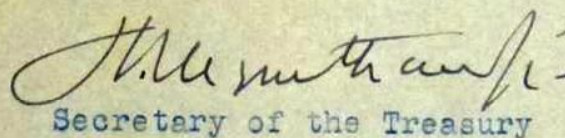
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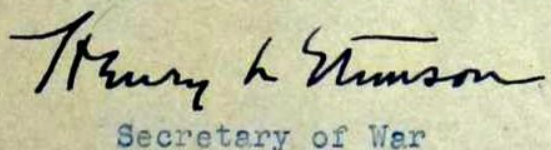
MEMORANDUM TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL WILLIAM O'DWYER

You are hereby appointed Executive Director
of the War Refugee Board effective immediately.

We are sure we can rely on you to carry on
the important task assigned to this Board by the
President.


Acting Secretary of State


Secretary of the Treasury


Secretary of War

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON

January 30, 1945

My Dear John: Secretary:

It pleased me greatly to read your letter of January 27 on the termination of your service as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

You have done a really great job and one that will, I hope, cause you to be held in grateful memory by many people. Certainly I shall not forget the energy and devotion that you have brought to bear on this historic task and the successes that have been attained through your efforts.

Though you are no longer Executive Director I shall still be looking to you for advice and help so long as the Board operates and I am a member of it, as well as your ideas and inspiration.

Sincerely,

I think we have all gained a great deal personally from this experience, as well as having accomplished a great deal. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. (signed)
Thank you on my behalf, as well as on behalf of the many people who have benefited from the Board's

Mr. J. W. Pehle
Assistant to the Secretary
Treasury Department

Faithfully yours,

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J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury

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CC - Mr. Lessor
Mr. DuBois
Mr. Luxford
Miss Bodel

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January 27, 1945

JAN 27 1945

My dear Mr. Secretary: PEHLE

I cannot terminate today my service as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board without expressing to you personally the satisfaction which I have derived from this task.

As I know so well, the War Refugee Board would not have been established if it had not been for your courage and intense interest. Nor would the War Refugee Board been able to accomplish what it has accomplished without your active daily support, as well as your ideas and inspiration.

President:

I think we have all gained a great deal personally from this experience, as well as having accomplished a great deal of good, and I want to thank you on my behalf, as well as on behalf of the many people who have benefited from the Board's activities.

Secretary of the Treasury

Faithfully yours,

Henry H. Emerson

Secretary of War

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury

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CC - Mr. Lesser
Mr. DuBois
Mr. Luxford
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JAN 27 1945

MEMORANDUM TO JOHN W. PEHLE

We have received your letter of resignation dated January 27, 1945.

In view of your request and the pressure of your other duties, your resignation is hereby accepted. The Board appreciates the services you have rendered and your devotion to the great and important task assigned to this Board by the President.

Joseph E. Ruman
Acting Secretary of State

McGuire
Secretary of the Treasury

Henry L. Simson
Secretary of War

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MEMORANDUM TO THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

I hereby submit to you my resignation as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board effective immediately. As Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury there has recently been assigned to me the supervision of the operations of the Treasury Procurement Division, which includes the difficult task of disposing of the surplus consumer goods turned over to the Treasury Department by the Army and the Navy. In view of the increasingly heavy burdens imposed on me by this new assignment, I have found it necessary to resign as Executive Director.

It has given me deep personal satisfaction to have been a part of the vital work undertaken by this Government to save and protect the innocent victims of Nazi persecution. While many lives have been saved as the result of our efforts, we have not, of course, met with complete success. However, I am proud of our achievements in the face of the difficulties encountered.

I have been reluctant to take this action and leave the Board because of the important work which remains to be done. I no longer have this reluctance, however, in view of Brigadier-General William O'Dwyer's willingness to assume the responsibilities of Executive Director.


J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

MAR 27 1944

My dear Mr. Secretary:

There is attached hereto for your files a photostat of a memorandum, dated March 24, 1944, signed by the President approving the appointment of John W. Pehle as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

Very truly yours,


(Signed) H. Morgenthau, Jr.

Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable

The Secretary of War.

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1944

MAR 27 1944

The appointment of John W.
Pehle as permanent
My dear Mr. Secretary: Director

of the War Refugee Board
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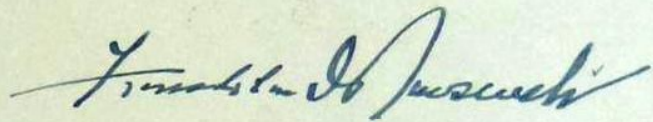
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1944

The appointment of John W.
Pehle as permanent Executive Director
of the War Refugee Board is hereby
approved.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Franklin D. Roosevelt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.