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May 12, 1945

: Mrs. Louise Vincent

: David White

The work of the War Refugee Board is drawing to a close and due to this there will be a reduction in force. I regret to inform you that effective May 31, close of business, we are abolishing the messenger position at Treasury which you fill.

Every effort will be made to enable you to obtain another position elsewhere within the Government.

Taken from White files

May 2, 1945

Miss Sidonie Ebbecke
Stenographic Pool

Dear Miss Ebbecke:

Now that the rush is over I have time to tell you what a grand job you did for us on General O'Dwyer's speech. There were many fine things said about the appearance of the copy. We are very lucky to be able to call upon you and your group in things like this. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

David White
Administrative Officer

DWHITE: rpj: 5-2-45

Personnel - General

April 30, 1945

Mr. L. A. Moyer
Executuve Director and Chief Examiner
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moyer:

Attached is a list of the people in the War Refugee Board who occupy administrative and supervisory positions as of May 1, 1945. If any questions arise concerning the list, call Mr. David White, Executive 6400, extension 5669.

Very truly yours,

David White
Administrative Officer

DWHITE: RPJ 3-30-45

Taken from [illegible]

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE INF:CMN
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

March 28, 1945

Mr. David White
Administrative Officer
War Refugee Board
Room 500, Sloane Building
12th & G Sts., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Public Act No. 387 of the Seventy-Fourth Congress requires the Civil Service Commission to publish an Official Register of the United States. The Act states that the Official Register "shall contain a full and complete list of all persons occupying administrative and supervisory positions in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the Government, including the District of Columbia, in connection with which salaries are paid from the Treasury of the United States."

Enclosed are forms on which to list (by bureaus, divisions, sections, etc.) the names of all persons in your agency who occupied administrative and important supervisory positions as of May 1, 1945, and who were paid from the Treasury of the United States. Also enclosed are instructions for filling out the forms. Additional copies of the forms, and of the instructions, may be obtained by phoning the Commission's Information Division -- Extension 412.

As stated in the instructions (paragraph numbered 6), the complete list is due at the Civil Service Commission not later than May 15, 1945. Please indicate, in the letter or memorandum which accompanies your list, the name and telephone extension of the person who should be called by the editor of the Official Register in the event that questions arise concerning the list.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

L. A. Moyer
Executive Director
and Chief Examiner

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Where an individual is listed more than once, be sure (1) that his name, State and district are identical in all instances, and (2) that compe[illegible] is indicated for the salaried positi[illegible]ly.

ORIGINAL

War Relocation Board
Department or agency

NAME	OFFICIAL TITLE AND STATION (Station is Washington, D. C., unless otherwise indicated)	Legal residence State	Legal residence Cong. Dist.	Compensation
William O'Dwyer	Ex. Director	N.Y.	8	1/
Florence Hodd Wagner	Asst. Ex. Director	N.Y.	17	$7500
David White	Adm. Officer	Mass.	12	$5600

OK
Lw 4/4/45

Serves without compensation

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE January 31, 1945

TO Miss Hodel

FROM David White

Following our discussion concerning employees on the War Refugee Board payroll who are not actually utilized by us, I am bringing the following list to your attention:

Mrs. Lorraine H. Hughes Administrative Assistant	$2600
Miss Emma C. Rhea Secretarial Assistant	$2300

JH

1/28/45
Action approved by Mrs. Pabla
JH

DWhite:hmd

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE January 23, 1945

TO Mr. Pehle

FROM Miss Hodel

I discussed with Paul McDonald today the matter of raises for Mr. Akzin and Mr. McCormack from $4600 to $5600. Mr. McDonald is of the opinion that in view of the wording of our appropriation act, there is no legal prohibition against such action. He also feels that from the standpoint of general policy considerations there would be no objection to such action, particularly in view of the recent marked reduction in our staff, the increased duties and responsibilities which Mr. Akzin and Mr. McCormack have assumed and because their background and qualifications support their holding positions at $5600 grade.

JH.

1/23/45
Action approved by Mrs. Pehle
JH -

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE January 23, 1945

TO : Mr. David White, War Refugee Board

FROM: Robert R. Evans, Foreign Funds Control

In accordance with your recent conversation with Miss Cordell, it is suggested that Oliver J. Smith be transferred to the War Refugee Board to the position of Fiscal Accountant, CAF-7, $2600 per annum, effective on the first pay period following approval of the transfer by the Civil Service Commission.

We will appreciate your advising us concerning the transfer.

Robert R. Evans

Executive Officer

Noted + recommended.
1-23-45
dw

Approved
JH 1/24/45

CABLE ADDRESS: "ALGONQUIN, NEW YORK"

HOTEL ALGONQUIN

TWO SQUARES FROM GRAND CENTRAL STATION WALKING DISTANCE OF BEST SHOPS AND THEATRES

WEST 44TH STREET BETWEEN 6TH AND 5TH AVENUES NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

June. 8, 1945

Dear Dave:

A check and a book have reached me here, and I am grateful for your handling of the matter. As you will see from the enclosed itinerary, I shall be back in W. on the 30th, at which time I'll pick up other items.

Just to be on the safe side I'm sending Florence a copy of the itinerary.

The vacation has been pleasant. No worries — as yet anyway

As ever

Jim Abrahamson

BLE ADDRESS: "ALGONQUIN, NEW YORK"

HOTEL ALGONQUIN

O SQUARES FROM GRAND CENTRAL STATION WALKING DISTANCE OF BEST SHOPS AND THEATRES

EST 44TH STREET BETWEEN 6TH AND 5TH AVENUES NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

lv. N. Y. Thurs Eve, Jan 11
Arr. Maine, Fri Eve Jan 12

c/o C.T. BURNETT
232 MAINE ST.
BRUNSWICK, MAINE

lv. Maine, Thurs. Jan 18
Arr. Montreal, Fri. Jan 19

c/o B. ROBINSON
TRANSPORTATION BLDG
132 ST. JAMES ST.
MONTREAL

lv. Montreal, Fri. Eve Jan 26
Arr. N. Y Sat a.m Jan 27 (HOTEL ALGONQUIN)
lv. NY for Wash., Tues Jan 30

December 28, 1944

Miss Cordell

David White

It is recommended that Miss Aletha Rollock be charged for a day's leave without pay December 27, 1944.

Miss Rollock did not apply for annual leave for this day nor did she obtain permission to travel outside the city during the restricted period. Miss Rollock was aware of this restriction as each employee received a copy of the travel regulations governing the holiday period.

I consider Miss Rollock's deliberate violations warrant the severe treatment I have recommended above.

Sent 12/29/44

DWhite:hmd

November 6, 1944

November 20, 1944

Dear Mrs. Myers:

We had a letter from Dorothy dated October 27, in which she stated that she was going to New York on [illegible] that her next pay check [illegible]. I notified the payroll [illegible] to Dorothy, telling her this had been done. However, this morning my letter to her was returned, stating she had moved and was not at the address given.

Capital Transit Company
36th and M Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Louise G. Vincent is employed by this organization as a messenger, CPC-3, $1320 per annum, plus $300 overtime. Mrs. Vincent was absent from November 4, returning to duty today, November 20. As she had no unused leave to her credit, Mrs. Vincent was in a leave-without-pay status during this entire period.

Very truly yours,

With kindest regards, I am,

(Signed) David White

David White
Administrative Officer

David White
Administrative Officer

Mrs. Myers
119 Lincoln Street
Holyoke, Massachusetts

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November 6, 1944

Oct 29, 1944

Dear Mrs. Myers:

We had a letter from Dorothy dated October 27, in which she stated that she was going to New York on Sunday with Rita and requesting that her next pay check be sent to 115 West 69th Street. I notified the payroll office and also wrote to Dorothy, telling her this had been done. However, this morning my letter to her was returned, stating she had moved and was not at the address given.

I believe what happened was that her name is not listed with that of the girls she is with and it should have been addressed in care of Rita or the other girl there whose last names I do not know.

Will you please write to her and tell her to let us know how the letter should be addressed in order to reach her? The payroll office, unless they hear from her by Thursday, will send her check to Holyoke.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

David White
Administrative Officer

Mrs. Myers
119 Lincoln Street
Holyoke, Massachusetts

DWhite:hmd

Oct. 29. 1944

Just disconered the fly in the ointment. I cannot be released by WRB to "non-essential" private industry, per WMC rules. Getting back into Government. Will you check on a war bond I think is due me & have it mailed to:

329 W. 14th St.
New York, N. Y.

Jo Hamison

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE Oct. 28, 1944

TO Mr. David White

FROM Catherine S. Stokes

Mr. Abrahamson has suggested that I leave my address with your office. For one month it will be

UNRRA Training Center
University of Maryland
College Park, Md.

After that time I can be reached at 5425 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Apt. 311, telephone Woodley 6970, Ext. 311.

I'm leaving my pass at the reception desk as you suggested.

I've enjoyed working in WRB. It has been very pleasant.

Sincerely,

Catherine S. Stokes

10/2/44

101 LAFAYETTE AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Dear Dave –

Sorry that I couldn't get into the office before leaving Washington. Just to keep you out of trouble with the Chief Clerk's office, I'm sending you my building pass.

Would you keep an eye on all that junk I left in

your office? I'll pick it up when I return to Washington.

My mother is very ill so that I don't know when I shall be able to get away from here. In the event anyone wants to write me, give them the above address.

There is a check due me - isn't there? Would you

please have it sent to my bank which has the appropriate power of attorney for U.S. Treasurer's checks. It is

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PRINCETON

PRINCETON

NEW JERSEY.

I've not started the "search" yet but shall tomorrow morning.

Give my regards to all the
lads + lassies! Hope your
house effort is progressing
to your satisfaction.

My best to you, Dave.

Sincerely-

Lyle

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE October 2, 1944

TO Mr. David White

FROM Dorothy L. Myers

At the close of business on October 14, 1944 I wish to discontinue my services with the War Refugee Board due to the liquidation of the Board in the near future.

Will you please place me in leave with pay status until my annual leave has been used and at that time place me in leave without pay status until notified further?

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE September 29, 1944

TO David White

FROM Josephine T. Harrison

At the close of business on October 10, I wish to discontinue my services with the War Refugee Board due to the liquidation of the Board in the near future.

Will you please place me in leave with pay status until my annual leave has been used and at that time place me in leave without pay status until notified further?

Josephine T. Harrison

Margaret McGregor

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE September 25, 1944

TO David White

FROM Margaret McEntyre

At the close of business on October 10, I wish to discontinue my services with the War Refugee Board due to the liquidation of the Board in the near future.

Will you please place me in leave with pay status until my annual leave has been used and at that time place me in leave without pay status until notified further?

Margaret McEntyre

Noted
dlw
9/26/44

WRB Projects and Documents File

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE September 25, 1944

TO David White

FROM Anne Laughlin

Due to the liquidation in the immediate future of the War Refugee Board I have requested Mr. Pehle to release me effective at the close of business October 10.

I would appreciate being continued on the payroll until I have exhausted my annual leave, at which time please place me in leave without pay status.

Noted dlw 9/26/44

WRB PROTECTS AND DOCUMENTS FILE

September 23, 1944

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that War Refugee Board, Executive Office of the President, will interpose no objection to the release of Mr. Milton Sargoy in the event that he locates a position in the government or in private industry.

Mr. Sargoy is presently employed by War Refugee Board in the position of Attorney.

Very truly yours,

David White
Administrative Officer

MSMITH:gm 9-23-44

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Sept. 16, 1944

TO J. W. Pehle

FROM Anne Laughlin

I am arranging a meeting early in the week with War Relocation Authority to see what assistance we can be to them in the post-liquidation planning for the Shelter. You will recall that Mr. Myer suggested this at our last meeting. Jim has done some preliminary work and has a very good outline of possibilities.

As I mentioned to you recently, the director of welfare for War Relocation Authority has asked me to spend several days at the Shelter with her and other members of the welfare staff. They plan to go on September 25.

The completion of the above will, I believe, be the last possible good that I can be to the War Refugee Board and, therefore, I would appreciate being placed in leave without pay status effective at the close of business October 10.

Please send Laughlin's files

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE Sept. 11, 1944

TO Mr. David White

FROM J. W. Pehle

Due to the slackening off of the Board's activities Weinstein is terminating his work for the Board as of the close of business, Saturday, September 23. He also advised me that Mr. Isidor Kaufman, who has ben assisting Weinstein in New York on a per diem basis, will be terminating his work immediately.

WRB Projects and Documents File

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

To:

(1) Mr. Pehle ..... (Room) ..... (Bldg.)

(2) ..... (Room) ..... (Bldg.)

(3) ..... (Room) ..... (Bldg.)

Mr. Standish will be physically separated at the end of the present pay period, close of business, September 25, 1944.

After six days annual leave have been expended, Mr. Standish will be carried in a transfer status on Leave Without Pay so that he will not lose his Civil Service Status.

From: David White ..... 9/12 (Date)

4405 (Room) ..... (Bldg.)

Sunday 9/3/44

Dear Dave,

The enclosed forms, property release slip, etc., should have been cleared out before this, but I hope Pebble and Jiminy Dent won't mind.

Best regards and I hope things are going well.

Yours,

Ward

U.S. Polad, AFHQ
APO 512, U.S. Army
August 10, 1944.

Miss Rose Shavell
ARC 39327
APO 394, U.S.Army.

Dear Miss Shavell,

Because of the fact that I have changed my mailing address twice in the last month and , in addition, have been moving about rapidly, your letter of June 17th only reached me yesterday. My reply thereto has accordingly been delayed.

I am sorry to inform you that at the moment there are no plans for an increase in my staff and I cannot therefore give consideration to your application. If, however, you are interested in refugee work, you might inquire whether the Joint Distribution Committee which is now working in Italy can make use of your services. The representative at the ACC is Mr. Arthur Greenleigh, Hdqs ACC, APO 394, US Army. I do not know of his needs but it is possible that there may be an opening.

Very truly yours,

Leonard E. Ackermann
Special Representative
U.S. War Refugee Board.

July 17, 1944

Dear Mr. Ackerman,

I am writing to you upon the suggestion of a friend of mine, Mr. George Block, who says you may be in need of an administrative or research assistant.

I am an American citizen, at present assigned to overseas duty with the American Red Cross. For personal reasons, I am interested in making a change, and am taking the liberty of writing to you in Naples, as I do not expect to be here after July 31st.

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Received: Friday

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I have had a considerable amount of research and administrative experience, having worked for the following two federal agencies in Washington: the National Resources Planning Board, and the Coordinator's Office of Inter-American Affairs. At home I have been active in Jewish and other groups, notably the YWHA, the UJA, & the J.D.C. I speak German and Spanish fluently, and can comprehend Italian, Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian, and French. The Collier's Yearbook for 1943 carries a series of articles on Latin America, which I wrote for them.

I wonder if you could let me know whether there are

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any employment possibilities with your agency, the War Refugee Board. I am being transferred at the end of this month, and would greatly appreciate an early reply.

Sincerely yours.

Miss Rose Shavell
ARC 39297
A.P.O. # 534
c/o Postmaster
New York City, New York.

P.S. I hold a bachelor's degree in the Social Sciences and a Masters' degree in Public Administration.

Personnel-General

AUG 4 1944

August 1, 1944

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed salary check for $114.42 in the space indicated below. An acknowledged copy of this letter should be returned to this office.

Yours very truly,

Ward Stewart (P.K.)

Ward Stewart
Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Isidor Kaufman
c/o I. M. Weinstein
War Refugee Board
253 Broadway, Room 801
New York, New York

Received: Isidor Kaufman
Isidor Kaufman

WStewart; pdk 8/4/44

JSCONNELL:GHMASSING:lrh 7-20-44

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August 1, 1944

Mr. Lawrence Lesser
War Refugee Board
Room 152 O U. S. Treasury Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

This will confirm our conversation of yesterday with regard to Mr. Lawrence C. Ammons.

Mr. Ammons is interested in refugee work and has asked that we draw to your attention the fact that he is known to us.

This will serve as an introduction in the event that he should want to get in touch with you.

Cordially,

Richard Helms

Richard Helms

RH/eec

JECORTELL:GHMASSING:lrh 7-20-44

July 20, 1944

War Transfer Unit,
U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is requested that the Civil Service Commission's authority dated June 3, 1944, File XS:T:DB, D-34813, for the transfer of Miss Anita L. Rosett from the Procurement Division, Treasury Department, to the War Refugee Board, Executive Office of the President, under War Service Regulation IX, Sec. 2 (b) be reopened.

When the War Refugee Board was established in the Executive Office of the President, it was authorized to call upon the personnel of the State, Treasury, and War Departments for assistance in order that it might carry out its program without delay. The Treasury Department especially has cooperated to the fullest extent in the program, both in detailing a considerable number of its personnel to this work and in furnishing the Board with administrative service functions.

It was felt that Miss Rosett was being assigned duties of greater responsibility in her new position, and the acute need for her services had prompted Miss Rosett to accept the position. In the original discussions concerning the transfer, the Procurement Division had indicated a willingness to grant reemployment rights to Miss Rosett. It will be appreciated, therefore, if the Commission will give consideration to an amendment of the authority from Sec. 2 (b) to Sec. 2 (a), thus granting reemployment rights to Miss Rosett.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Ward Stewart

Ward Stewart
Asst. Executive Director

JECONNELL:GHMASSING:lrh 7-20-44

kindly investigate this matter for me, and request that it be mailed here as soon as possible. Please have the

Dyersburg, Tennessee

July 24, 1944

Pay Office informed us (by telephone) that checks would be mailed out promptly.

Colleen Rhea

July 1, 1944

Dear Mr. White:

I have'nt received my check for July 10. Will you kindly investigate this matter for me, and request that it be mailed here as soon as possible. Please have the July 25 check mailed also.

I have made plans to return the last of the month and expect to be back at work about August 3.

With Kindest regards, I am

Sincerely
Colleen Rhea

936 Dugg Place
Dyersburg, Tennessee

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June 26, 1944

Miss Emma C. Rhea
936 Sugg Place
Dyersburg, Tennessee

Dear Miss Rhea:

The pay office has been informed concerning your checks and they will be mailed to you until you notify them of your return. You have approximately forty days of annual leave to your credit and Mr. DuBois approves, Mr. White approves and Mrs. DeLacy says nothing until you return but you have your extension.

I hope your sister improves and that the remainder of your leave will be pleasant. Please let us know when you anticipate returning. Fill out and return the enclosed leave application now.

Very truly yours,

David White
Administrative Officer

Letter of June 23 sent to Miss Cordell - Personnel File

DWhite:dm 6/26/44

WStewart; pdk 6/22/44

Personnel General Refugee Board as of June 15, 1944

June 22, 1944

Miss Janet Cordell

Ward Stewart

Subject: Assignment of Miss Dorothy Gravina to War Refugee Board

It has been agreed between and among Mr. Pehle, Mr. Fox and Miss Gravina, that Miss Gravina will be reassigned to Mr. Pehle's office in the War Refugee Board in anticipation of Mrs. Mae Taylor's going on a leave without pay basis. Will you please arrange for this assignment, effective as of the beginning of business Friday, July 7, 1944. It is understood that Miss Gravina will remain on the Foreign Funds Control payroll at least for the time being.

(Signed) Ward Stewart

Assistant Executive Director
(Management)

WStewart; pdk 6/22/44

PROJECTS AND DOCUMENTS FILE

Administrative Matters: Personnel

Employees on payroll of War Refugee Board as of June 16, 1944

Abrahamson, A.

Akzin, B.

Borenstein, E.

Breese, D.

Chaney, D.

Cohn, K.

Ferguson, H.

Friedman, J.

Harrison, J.

Hill, D.

Laughlin, A.

Lesser, L.

Meyers, D.

McCormack, P.

Moore, L.

Okun, R.

Polkoski, J.

Rhea, E.

Spriggs, B.

Sargoy, M.

Standish, M.

Vincent, L.

Weinstein, I.

White, D.

cc To Merrick (3)

Personnel - General

June 14, 1944

Files

Ward Stewart

I discussed with Mr. Geist, Chief of Communications and Records, State Department, telephone extensions 831 - 461, the possibility of returning Mrs. Helen J. Lawson to her former assignment in Foreign Funds Control. Mrs. Lawson was detailed to Mr. Geist's office on May 10, with the understanding that a 30-day assignment would probably be adequate.

Mr. Geist informed me that their general personnel situation was improving but that the crisis was still not past, and he stated flatly that if Mrs. Lawson was withdrawn he would not be able to guarantee the continuance of the rapid service on cables which the War Refugee Board has been receiving. Under the circumstances, I told Mr. Geist that we would attempt to make some makeshift arrangements so that Mrs. Lawson's assignment could be continued to July 1. Mr. Geist stated that he felt that she could be returned at least by that time. I then called Miss Cordell in Foreign Funds Control to inform her of my conversation with Mr. Geist and requested that Foreign Funds Control arrange to continue Mrs. Lawson's detail through July 1.

(Signed) Ward Stewart

Assistant Executive Director
(Management)

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 14, 1944

Mr. R. L. Miller
Personnel Officer
Comptroller of the Currency
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Miller:

It would be appreciated if the services of Mrs. Virginia D. Henderson, Administrative Assistant, $2800 per annum, could be loaned to this agency for an indefinite period. Reimbursement for the service will be made upon submission of an appropriate voucher by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Please signify below your approval of this arrangement, retaining a copy of this letter for your records.

Very truly yours,

Ward Stewart

Ward Stewart
Assistant Executive Director

Approved:

R. L. Miller

Personnel Officer
Office of Comptroller of the Currency

THE FOREIGN SERVICE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

May 25, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle

Ward Stewart

Subject: Mr. Myles Standish

This is to remind you to discuss with Mr. Lesser and give consideration to the nature of the assignments and work of Mr. Myles Standish.

(Signed) Ward Stewart

Assistant Executive Director
(Management)

WStewart; pdk 5/25/44

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

848/ICO/MET

AMERICAN LEGATION
Stockholm, Sweden
May 16, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle
Executive Director
War Refugee Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In accordance with the request contained in your Cable No. 756 of April 26, 1944, there is enclosed herewith the personnel files of Miss Tove Filseth and Miss Ulla af Wirsen.

Sincerely yours,

Iver C. Olsen

Iver C. Olsen
Special Attaché for
War Refugee Board.

Enclosures - 2

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President 3/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment State **Date** May 1 1944.

1. Name in full (~~Mr.~~, Miss, ~~or Mrs.~~) Filseth (Surname) Tove (Given name) Krabbe (Middle name)
2. Present address 13 (Number) Bergiusvägen (Street) Stockholm (City) Sweden (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Norway (State and Congressional District) (County) Oslo (City or town)
4. Where born Norway (State or foreign country) Lillehammer (City or town) When born 9 1 1905 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien alien
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
Male	Female √	Single √	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White √	Colored	

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you none
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted ..... Discharged ..... | Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Rank ..... Rank ..... | Rank ..... Rank .....

Organization ..... Organization ..... | Organization ..... Organization .....

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) my special knowledge and experience in refugee questions and problems.

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
Nansen-Aid, Oslo	Gen. Secretary	1937-42.
Swedish Social Board	Organizing work	15/11-42-1/4-43
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Norwegian Leg. Stockholm	Social Curator	1/4-43-1/10-43.
Danish Leg. — " —	Consulting Secretary	1/1-44-1/5-44.

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 (6)	1 (2) 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Kgl. Norsk Legation, Stockholm

Relationship ..... Post office address — " —

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Tove Filseth

(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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and date of birth of father: ... torg 51 Stockholm

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PERSONNEL AFFIDAVIT

Department of State (Department or agency) American Legation (Bureau or division) Stockholm, Sweden (Place of employment)

Name Tove K. FILSETH
(Given name, initial or initials, if any, and last name. Print or type)

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"(1) It shall be unlawful for any person employed in any capacity by any agency of the Federal Government, whose compensation, or any part thereof, is paid from funds authorized or appropriated by any Act of Congress, to have membership in any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States.

"(2) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be immediately removed from the position or office held by him, and thereafter no part of the funds appropriated by any Act of Congress for such position or office shall be used to pay the compensation of such person;"

It is provided in various appropriation acts that no part of the funds so appropriated shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence, and that an affidavit shall be considered *prima facie* evidence that the person making the affidavit does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence. Such acts provide further that any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment, the salary or wages for which are paid from any such appropriation, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both, and that the above penalty shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

* * * * * * *

I, Tove K. FILSETH, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have read and understand the foregoing; that I do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; that I am not a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

Tove Filseth
(Signature of employee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May A. D., 1944,

at Stockholm, Sweden., ____
(City or place) (State)

SERVICE No. 667
NO FEE PRESCRIBED

F. C. Sigmond
Vice Consul of the United States of America

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Form 203 a

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
AS A CLERK IN THE
FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES

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The HONORABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for appointment as a clerk in the Foreign Service to serve in an American Mission or Consulate. I have read "The American Foreign Service—General Information for Applicants."

Respectfully, Tove Filseth
(Sign, using customary Christian name, not merely initials)

1. (*a*) Name in full: Tove Filseth
   (*b*) Permanent address: Oslo, Norway
   (*c*) Temporary address (if any): Regnisvägen 13, Stockholm 50
   (*d*) Telephone number (if living in Washington or vicinity):
   (*e*) State of which you are legal resident: Norway Length of residence: 20 years.
2. Place and date of birth:* Lillehammer, Norway; 1 (Day), 9 (Month), 1905 (Year)
3. Marital status: single Dependents: none
4. (*a*) Name of father: Johan Filseth Nationality: Norwegian
   (*b*) Place and date of birth of father: Lomedal, Norway 9. 25. 1869.
   (*c*) Permanent address of father: deceased
5. (*a*) Maiden name of mother: Laura Hubbe Nationality: Norwegian
   (*b*) Place and date of birth of mother: Copenhagen, Denmark 10.4.79.
   (*c*) Permanent address of mother: Lillehammer Norway.
6. If parents are dead or not within continental United States, state name, relationship, and address of nearest living relative or friend: Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Hubbe, uncle, Bellingham, Wash. U. S. A.

Have you any outstanding financial obligations? (If so, state names of creditors, amounts due to each, and date on which such obligations were contracted): none

*If a native citizen, a certified copy of birth certificate should be transmitted with application. If such certificate cannot be obtained from office of record, a sworn statement showing place and date of birth should be furnished by your father or mother, if living; otherwise by a person competent to make the statement. If you have ever been issued an American passport, it is sufficient to refer to it by number and date and place of issuance.
If a naturalized citizen, certificate of naturalization should be transmitted with this application.

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7. (a) What is your present height? 170 cm feet, ____ inches. Weight? 120 l...
(b) Describe your present physical condition, and state whether you have had or now have any p... defect or infirmity. (Applicants are required to submit to a medical examination before ap... ment):

Good

8. Formal training:

Schools Attended (Name and location)	Dates of Attendance	Certificate or Degree and Date	Subjects of Specialization
Common School and Higher School in Littlehamm...			
Commercial School in Oslo, incl. English, French, Germ... and Norwegian Shorthand and typing.			
College and University in Belgium, France and Engl...			

9. (a) Are you able to take dictation in shorthand? yes At what rate? ____ w. p. m.
What system do you use? Gabelsberger Are you a stenotypist? ____
(b) Can you operate a typewriter? yes At what rate? ____ w. p. m. Can you transcribe from a dictating machine? yes Are you a touch typist? yes
(c) What other office machines can you operate? Mimiography

10. What Civil Service examinations have you taken? (Give title, year, and grade):

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11. Foreign languages (name and describe briefly the extent of your knowledge) Danish and Swed...
(a) Reading knowledge: English, French, German, Norwegian
(b) Writing knowledge: — " — — " —
(c) Speaking knowledge: — " — — " —

12. (a) Outline your travel or residence abroad, giving dates, purpose, and places:
1922-23 School in Belgium 1924-25 Studies in France
1925-26 Studies in Italy 1936-37 — " — " England
1938 Work in Geneva 1938-39 Work in Czechoslovakia and Poland
1939-42 — " — " Nansen-Aid Oslo
(b) Have you any special qualifications, limitations, or preferences for a particular geographic area?
1942-44 — " — " Sweden.

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...you now employed? no (b) Are you paid from public funds? no
...your present employer? —
...approach your present employer? —
...will not be considered from persons employed in defense agencies of the Federal Government without ...consent of the agency. Such indication in writing from the immediate supervisor or appropriate officer should ...application.
...reserve commission do you hold, or have you held? —
...is your classification and status with regard to Selective Service? —
...positions do you hold, or have you held, under foreign governments? Swedish ...Board, Danish Legation, Norwegian Legation
...any relatives by blood or marriage in public service? Give names, relationship, and position:

...name, address and occupation of five competent and responsible persons, not relatives, who would ...to furnish letters of recommendation if these should be later required.
...should know the applicant well enough to write concerning his moral character, integrity, deportment, ability ...
...Perslow, Hungl. Socialstyrelsen, Stockholm
...inister Gens Bull, Norwegian Legation — " —
— " — J. W. C. Kruse, Danish — " — — " —
...fessor J. Worm-Müller, Norw. Government, London
...nator Georg Branting, Stockholm

...following spaces, give a complete record of all employment you have had, including Government ...ment and military service, and accounting for all periods of unemployment. Begin with your ...nt or last position and work back. (Use an additional sheet if needed.)

Employment (Month and year)		Name and Address of Employer (If unemployed, give own address at that time)	Annual Earnings (Highest and lowest)	Name of Position, Outline of Duties, and Reason for Leaving
...-44	NAME	Danish Legation S. K.		Consulting
...5-44	ADDRESS	Stockholm	6000-	Secretary
...4-43	NAME	Norwegian Legation S. K.		Social
...10-43	ADDRESS	Stockholm	6000-	Curator
...10-43	NAME	Swedish Social S. K.		Organization
...12-43	ADDRESS	Board	10000-	of Camps
...11-42	NAME	Swedish Social S. K.		Taking care
...4-43	ADDRESS	Board	10000-	of stateless refugees.
1937-42		Nansen-Aid N. K. Oslo	6000-	Gen. Secretary.

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18. Give below, in your own handwriting, a description of the experience which you have outlined under item 17, paying particular attention to any experience which, in your opinion, qualifies you for the position for which this application is filed. Begin your description of experience in each separate position on a new line, numbering each description to correspond with the number of the section in which the position is listed under item 17.

Since 1937 I assisted in organizing the Nansen-Aid and continued this work until my escape to Sweden.

In Geneve I worked in Nansen-Office under the League of Nations.

In Czechoslovakia I organized the Nansen-Aid for the housing of refugees.

In Poland I organized the transports of the refugees to other countries.

In Norway I took part in the organization of the rescue of the jews.

In Sweden I have been employed by the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish Au-
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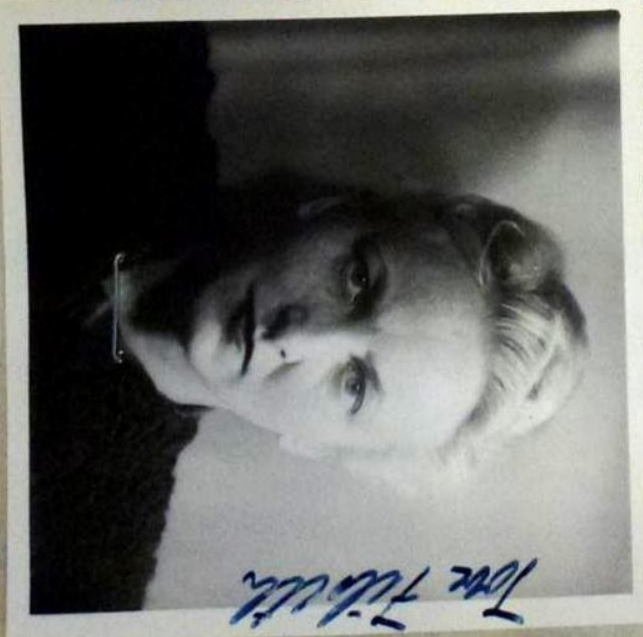

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Tor Filseth

(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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SIR:

I hereby apply for appointment as a clerk in the Foreign Service to serve in an American Mission or Consulate. I have read "The American Foreign Service—General Information for Applicants."

Respectfully,

Ulla af Ulrsén
(Sign, using customary Christian name, not merely initials)

1. (a) Name in full: Ulla Elisabeth af Ulrsén

(b) Permanent address: Thorildsgatan 51 Stockholm Sweden

(c) Temporary address (if any): _____

(d) Telephone number (if living in Washington or vicinity): _____

(e) State of which you are legal resident: Sweden Length of residence: 4 years

2. Place and date of birth:* Sinaia, Rumania; 11 (Day), 10 (Month), 1922 (Year)

3. Marital status: Single Dependents: —

4. (a) Name of father: Einar af Ulrsén Nationality: Swedish

(b) Place and date of birth of father: Stockholm, Sweden, 4.20.1875

(c) Permanent address of father: Thorildsgatan 51 Stockholm

5. (a) Maiden name of mother: Elsa Hildebrand Nationality: Swedish

(b) Place and date of birth of mother: Stockholm, Sweden 4.5.1903

(c) Permanent address of mother: Thorildsgatan 51

6. If parents are dead or not within continental United States, state name, relationship, and address of nearest living relative or friend: _____

Have you any outstanding financial obligations? (If so, state names of creditors, amounts due to each, and date on which such obligations were contracted): no

*If a native citizen, a certified copy of birth certificate should be transmitted with application. If such certificate cannot be obtained from office of record, a sworn statement showing place and date of birth should be furnished by your father or mother, if living; otherwise by a person competent to make the statement. If you have ever been issued an American passport, it is sufficient to refer to it by number and date and place of issuance.
If a naturalized citizen, certificate of naturalization should be transmitted with this application.

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7. (a) What is your present height? 5 feet, 6 inches
(b) Describe your present physical condition, and state whether you have any defect or infirmity. (Applicants are required to submit to a medical examination):
Good

8. Formal training:

Schools Attended (Name and location)	Dates of Attendance	Certificate or Degree and Date	
Uhmmersdude Berlin Germany	1932-37		

9. (a) Are you able to take dictation in shorthand? no
What system do you use? — At what rate? —
(b) Can you operate a typewriter? yes At what rate? w. p. m. Can you operate a dictating machine? — Are you a touch typist? yes
(c) What other office machines can you operate? none
10. What Civil Service examinations have you taken? (Give title, year, and grade):

11. Foreign languages (name and describe briefly the extent of your knowledge):
(a) Reading knowledge: Swedish, English, French, German
(b) Writing knowledge: Swedish, English, French, German
(c) Speaking knowledge: Swedish, English, French, German
12. (a) Outline your travel or residence abroad, giving dates, purpose, and places:
Travelling all over Europe together with parents 1922 - 1940.
(b) Have you any special qualifications, limitations, or preferences for a particular geographic area?
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13. (a) Are you now employed? No (b) Are you paid from public funds? —
(c) Who is your present employer? —
(d) May we approach your present employer? —
NOTE.—Applications will not be considered from persons employed in defense agencies of the Federal Government without the knowledge and consent of the agency. Such indication in writing from the immediate supervisor or appropriate officer should accompany the application.
14. (a) What reserve commission do you hold, or have you held? —
(b) What is your classification and status with regard to Selective Service? —
(c) What positions do you hold, or have you held, under foreign governments? —
15. Have you any relatives by blood or marriage in public service? Give names, relationship, and position: —
16. Give full name, address and occupation of five competent and responsible persons, not relatives, who would be able to furnish letters of recommendation if these should be later required.
(These persons should know the applicant well enough to write concerning his moral character, integrity, deportment, ability and qualifications.)
1. Denis Weaver, journalist, Carlton Hotel, Stockholm
2. Sir Victor Mallet, British Minister, Stockholm
3. Eva Rhedin, Östermalmsg. 92 Stockholm
4. Louisa Palmstierna, Victoriag 15B Göteborg
5.
17. In the following spaces, give a complete record of all employment you have had, including Government employment and military service, and accounting for all periods of unemployment. Begin with your present or last position and work back. (Use an additional sheet if needed.)

Dates of Employment (Month and year)	Name and Address of Employer (If unemployed, give own address at that time)	Annual Earnings (Highest and lowest)	Name of Position, Outline of Duties, and Reason for Leaving
FROM 1. November 1940 TO August 1943	NAME Denis Weaver, News du Chronicle ADDRESS Artillerig. 18	2,100 S. Kr.	Secretary. Left on own mind
FROM 2. TO	NAME ADDRESS		
FROM 3. TO	NAME ADDRESS		
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18. Give below, in your own handwriting, a description of the experience which you have outlined under item 17, paying particular attention to any experience which, in your opinion, qualifies you for the position for which this application is filed. Begin your description of experience in each separate position on a new line, numbering each description to correspond with the number of the section in which the position is listed under item 17.

(If more space is needed attach supplementary sheet or sheets)

19. Have you ever been arrested for anything other than minor traffic violations? No If so, give details on a separate sheet.
20. The applicant transmits an unmounted photograph, taken in 1943, with his name written thereon, and a birth certificate.
21. What restrictions are there, if any, on your immediate availability for duty in any part of the world?

I do solemnly affirm that the information contained herein is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; that I do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; that I am not a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

Allan af Ulmsén

(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President 3/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment State Date May 1 1944

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, ~~or Mrs.~~) af Wirsén (Surname) Ulla (Given name) Elisabeth (Middle name)
2. Present address 51 (Number) Norrlandsgatan (Street) Stockholm (City) Sweden (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Sweden (State and Congressional District) (County) Stockholm (City or town)
4. Where born Rumänien (State or foreign country) Sinaia (City or town) When born 10. 11. 1922 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien aliens
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
Male	Female	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White	Colored	
	✓	✓				✓		

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you —

8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Rank ____ Rank ____
Organization ____ Organization ____

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
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Stockholm, Sweden

13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) Swedish, English, German, French, Italian.

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
Denis Weaver and Yves du Guerny Stockholm, Sweden	Secretary	1 year and 9 month

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Einar af Wirsén

Relationship Father Post office address Skomhamnstorg 51 Stockholm, Sweden

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ulla af Wirsén
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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May 15, 1941

PERSONNEL AFFIDAVIT

Department of State (Department or agency) / American Legation (Bureau or division) / Stockholm, Sweden (Place of employment)

Name Ulla E. af WIRSEN
(Given name, initial or initials, if any, and last name. Print or type)

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* * * * * * *

I, Ulla E. af WIRSEN, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have read and understand the foregoing; that I do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; that I am not a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

Ulla E. af Wirsén
(Signature of employee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May A. D., 1944,

at Stockholm, Sweden, ,
(City or place) (State)

SERVICE No. 665
NO FEE PRESCRIBED

F. C. Sigmond
Vice Consul of the United States of America

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Personnel - General

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FA 101.402/38

May 12, 1944

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board and refers to his letter of April 24, 1944 authorizing the employment of Misses Toue Filseth and Ulla Afwirsen to assist Mr. Iver Olson at the American Legation at Stockholm, Sweden, and the payment of their salaries on a reimbursable basis.

In this connection there is enclosed a copy of the Department's telegram no. 804, of May 2, 1944, to the Legation at Stockholm authorizing the employment of Misses Filseth and Afwirsen and the payment of their salaries.

Enclosure:

Copy of telegram no. 804,
of May 2, 1944 to Stockholm.

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FOR VICTORY
BUY
UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

J.B.S.

MEMORANDUM

April 21, 1944

1. PORTUGAL

Board Representative - Robert C. Dexter

(a) If possible suggest to him contacts who would be helpful in increasing the flow of refugees from France to Spain. Suggest desirability of working closely in this aspect of the program with Joseph Schwartz of Joint Distribution Committee since that Committee has been licensed to use substantial amounts of funds for this purpose. It is important to know how much can be done in this field from Portugal and if it is essential to send people into Spain, what kind of person should be sent and how?

(b) Suggest to your representative that he cooperate with Dexter whenever possible. In particular, your representative may be helpful in letting Dexter have part time use of automobile and typewriters. We are furnishing Dexter with all necessary funds, etc., but the items mentioned apparently cannot be purchased in Portugal and if some arrangement cannot be made, it will be necessary to ship them from the United States with consequent delay.

2. ALGIERS

Board Representatives - Leonard E. Ackermann and James J. Saxon

(a) Suggest to your representatives that they cooperate whenever possible with Board representatives.

(b) Advise Ackermann that we are requesting State Department to give him diplomatic status in order to improve his position with the Embassy. What other steps can we take in this direction?

(c) Discuss proposal to evacuate refugees through Yugoslavia as indicated in attached memorandum and cable. Have there been any further developments? Tell them that Board is extremely interested in proposal and will do everything possible to push it here at a high level. Indicate that at the moment the principal problem apparently is to devise a formula for giving the Partisans the help they request without running into political and military questions. Do they have any suggestions on this point? What kind of representative do they think we should have in Bari, a civilian or military man? Do they have any suggestions as to the man? Would Lawler or some of the other Treasury people in military service be satisfactory? What kind of directives from on high through the military and State Department people in Italy will be necessary to insure the success of the program?

(d) What further steps, if any, can we take vis-a-vis the French to speed up the removal of refugees to Camp Lyautey? Isn't there some way to convince Beckelman, the UNRRA representative, that it is better to get as many as possible in the camp now and then argue with the French about the conditions under which they will live than to waste time now arguing about it? Attached is an informal memorandum commenting upon certain recent reports and letters from Beckelman which may be given to Ackermann. We have received an unconfirmed report that the French have now indicated that they will not admit into Camp Lyautey, Sephardic Jews arriving in Spain after March 1, 1944. If true, this would stop the rescue of such people, which is continuing, since the Spanish Government will not let them into Spain unless they are assured that they will be taken elsewhere. If the question arises the matter should be pushed with the French and we will do likewise here.

3. ITALY

(a) Are rescue possibilities from Yugoslavia approximately as indicated in memorandum from Colonel Popovich?

(b) If possible, ascertain extent of assistance to Partisans which would be necessary to put the plan in operation. Do you think it would be possible to grant this aid on a humanitarian basis without running into serious political and military obstacles?

(c) What kind of cooperation will it be necessary to obtain from military authorities and from the British?

(d) What kind of representative should the Board have in Bari?

4. CAIRO

(a) Would it be desirable to have a Board representative here?

(b) What kind of operations could the Board undertake from here?

5. LONDON

(a) Could contacts be made in London through governments in exile, or otherwise, which would facilitate the Board's program in occupied countries? It may be helpful to discuss this matter with Mr. Schoenfeld of our Embassy.

(b) To what extent can your representatives in London assist the Board in its activities?

JBF:bbk - 4/21/44

March 22,1944

Mr. Ward Stewart

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WAR REFUGEE BOARD

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE March 30, 1944

TO Mr. Friedman

FROM Mr. White

Following up our conversation of yesterday relative to Treasury employees stationed abroad, I am bringing to your attention the names of George Dyer, at present in Bern, I believe, and Tony DiLucia who held down the Lisbon post up to the arrival of Jim Wood. He is now in this country and his whereabouts can be easily learned. Both these men are narcotics agents; both have extensive knowledge of European languages and peoples; both have many underground contacts.

In the office of Harry D. White, Assistant to the Secretary, there is a list with the names of all Treasury people stationed abroad and giving a brief resumé of their education and experience. I have no doubt that a check of this list would produce a number of people who could be useful to us in our overseas operations.

March 30, 1944

Mr. Friedman

Mr. White

Following up our conversation of yesterday relative to Treasury employees stationed abroad, I am bringing to your attention the names of George Dyer, at present in Bern, I believe, and Tony DiLucia who held down the Lisbon post up to the arrival of Jim Wood. He is now in this country and his whereabouts can be easily learned. Both these men are narcotics agents; both have extensive knowledge of European languages and peoples; both have many underground contacts.

In the office of Harry D. White, Assistant to the Secretary, there is a list with the names of all Treasury people stationed abroad and giving a brief resumé of their education and experience. I have no doubt that a check of this list would produce a number of people who could be useful to us in our overseas operations.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

March 22,1944

: Mr. Ward Stewart

: Miss Anne Laughlin

Miss Eileen Eagan is now in Spain. She left the States approximately one month ago.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date March 20, 1944

TO : Mr. Friedman

FROM : Myles Standish

Re : Pro-United Nations satellite diplomats

File 837

I have discussed informally in the State Department the possibility of our sending such men as the former Rumanian Ambassador to Washington, Davila, and Eugene Havas to Europe to work for us. There is apparently no objection at all to Davila who has proven himself to be definitely pro-United Nations. Havas has superficially a good record but further investigation would be necessary before formal approval could be obtained from the Department of State. In this connection Assistant Secretary of State Berle is reported as knowing him very well and could probably give us more detail concerning Havas' background, character, and sympathies.

Myles Standish

MEMORANDUM

February 22, 1944

Re: Mr. Stewart

From: Mr. Friedman

Re: Meeting with Miles Standish

I think that Standish might be particularly helpful in advising us how to get action out of State Department people in the field. In view of his experience in visa work, both in the Department and in France, he may be helpful in showing us how to shortcut actual visa procedure, etc. He is, of course, a former foreign service officer which, in my mind, always creates a doubt, but he seems quite enthusiastic and for some reason did resign from foreign service. He also seems to have some ideas about getting Latin American countries to admit refugees.

JBF:ec 2/22/44

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

February 17, 1944

Mr. Pehle

L. S. Lesser

Apropos publicity, I would like to suggest that we explore the possibilities of Willard Wiener. Wiener is a veteran newspaper man who has just left PM's staff to do free-lance writing. You may have read his Hudson County-Hague machine stuff in PM. Before going to PM, Wiener was with various radio programs, the New York Post and, in the dim, dark days he hates to recall, with the New York Journal. He is in his forties and served in the Navy in the last war. He writes well, his heart's in the right place, he's liberal and has boundless energy. His contacts and relations with all kinds of news writers are, to my knowledge, excellent. I.F. Stone and Michie, of PM's Washington Bureau, and Leon Siler of Schwartz's Shop, know him well.

Wiener is the author of two novels and numerous magazine articles. I think he might be interested in a short-term proposition, say, two or three months. I know he would not be interested in anything that looked like a permanent job; that's why he resigned from PM. Just what kind of money he'd want, I don't know.

LSLesser:agr 2-17-44

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE February 17, 1944

TO : Mr. Pehle

FROM : L. S. Lesser

Re : Carl Austrian

Mr. Austrian was born in Williamsport, Pa., in 1892 and graduated from Williams College in 1914. He received his law degree from Columbia in 1917 and was admitted to the New York bar the same year. He is a member of the firm of Austrian & Lance, 61 Broadway, New York City. His partners are Saul J. Lance, A.B. (C.C.N.Y.), LL.B. (Harvard); and Samuel Rudner, B.S. (U. of P.), LL.B. (Harvard). Messrs. Austrian and Lance were formerly associated with Francis L. Kohlman, A.B. (Tulane), LL.B. (Harvard). So far as I can ascertain, Mr. Austrian, his associates and his firm enjoy the best of reputations.

Mr. Austrian was counsel to the New York State Superintendent of Banks in the liquidation of the Bank of United States. He has been active in Anti-Defamation League affairs. He is a member of the American and New York State bar associations, the County Lawyers Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He is a director of the JDC.

Mr. Austrian left this country last September to take up his post in Ankara as Assistant to the Ambassador. His return to this country is expected some time between next June and September.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE Jan. 21, 1944

TO Mr. Pehle

FROM E. M. Bernstein EMB

In connection with names for trustees, I think you could find a good board chosen from the following:

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Take up w/ Mr White Personnel Files

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Taken to Mr. Pehle by Mr. Bernstein 1/21/44

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO Mr. White

DATE Jan. 18, 1944

FROM E. M. Bernstein

Subject: Personnel for the work you mentioned.

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