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Dear Ed:

In view of the outstanding job which Roswell McClelland has performed as Special Representative of the War Refugee Board in Switzerland, I feel that he is excellent material for any post dealing with refugees, either in the State Department or the Intergovernmental Committee. McClelland, who formerly was associated with the American Friends Service Committee, has handled the most difficult of our assignments abroad in a manner indicating unusual vigor, ability and ingenuity. I strongly recommend him for your consideration.

Sincerely,

E. J. G. Joku

Honorable Edward R. Steettinius, Jr.,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1944

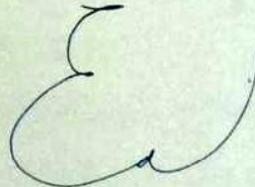
Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of December 6,
1944, regarding Roswell McClelland.

As I stated in my letter yesterday, I
shall have something to report to you this week.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Mr. John Pehle

Director

War Refugee Board

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Dear Mr. McClelland:

As we approach the final liquidation of the War Refugee Board and assess its accomplishments, it becomes clearer than ever that your part in the Board's achievements was particularly outstanding. I wish to express to you my personal appreciation and that of the Board for your signal contribution to our great life-saving undertaking.

The sincere devotion and keen personal interest with which you dedicated yourself to the monumental task of representing the Board in Switzerland have earned for you an enviable reputation both in the government and among the American relief agencies. You deserve the highest commendation for the way you handled the Board's most difficult and most important assignment abroad. We were most fortunate in having your able services in such a strategic location throughout the existence of the Board. I personally am especially grateful for the brilliant work you did for us during the months preceding the surrender of Germany, particularly with respect to our feeding program and in the handling of the delicate negotiations which arose during that time.

I hope it may be possible for me to thank you in person some day for the unusual and now famous part you played in the work of the War Refugee Board and I wish you the greatest possible success in your new assignment.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
American Legation,
Bern, Switzerland.

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JUL 23 1945

Dear Mr. McClelland:

I have just returned from a brief vacation (my first in three years) which delayed my replying to your letter of June 22nd.

You may be assured that your position with respect to our suggestion that you accompany Harrison on his survey trip was thoroughly understood and appreciated by all of us.

Your service to the special refugee work which the Board undertook was indeed most selfless and I feel that your decision not to become involved in postwar refugee relief matters is very understandable. Since you made that decision, I feel, and the others here agree, that it was advisable from your personal viewpoint not to join the Harrison mission. I am very sympathetic to your situation because my own is very similar and I personally appreciate your desire to get back to work more suited to your training.

I am sure that by now you have heard from many sources of the praise which your work for the Board has received. You may be justly proud of an outstanding reputation which your unusual service to this cause has brought you. I hope that someday I may have the pleasure of meeting you. While it may not have been apparent to you, my contact with you was constant throughout the Board's operations.

I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed copy of a letter which we have just received from the International Red Cross. Herbert Katzki may like to see it too.

With very best wishes for all possible success in your new assignment,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Florence Hodel

Mr. Roswell D. McClelland,
Special Representative,
American Legation,
Bern, Switzerland.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bern, August 2, 1945

AIR MAIL

Dear Miss Hodel:

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter addressed to Mr. Earl Harrison which I received on July 31st from the office of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees in Geneva. Mr. Harrison paid us a very brief visit here in Switzerland on July 28th and 29th, leaving for Paris and London on the morning of July 30th. Apparently this letter just missed him. Since I understand that he is returning very shortly to the United States, I felt it advisable to forward this letter to you rather than sending it to London, although it may quite possibly be old stuff to him now.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell D. McClelland

Roswell D. McClelland
Spec. Assistant to the Minister

Miss Florence Hodel
c/o Executive Office
War Refugee Board
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

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Robert W. Harrison*

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