

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington  
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I can further assure you that the Government will give you the technical assistance that you may find necessary.

My dear Mr. Taylor,

I feel that your acceptance of this position would do much. As you know, I have requested certain other governments to cooperate with this Government in the constitution of an International Committee for the purpose of facilitating the immigration of political refugees from Germany and Austria.

I have hoped that prompt and effective action by this Committee might relieve the distressing situation which has arisen as the result of the persecution of so many thousands of individuals in those two countries. I am glad to say that all of the American republics and Great Britain, France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Holland, and Switzerland, have cordially agreed to cooperate in this endeavor.

As I see the problem, the task of the International Committee would be primarily to meet the emergency which has arisen, through the coordination of efforts on the part of the several governments involved in the humanitarian endeavor, and through the expenditure of funds received from private sources within the respective nations represented on the Committee to expedite and facilitate the immigration of refugees to those countries willing to receive them within the provisions of their existing legislation. The proper objectives of the International Committee would be to undertake the formulation of long range plans for the solution in years to come of the problem represented in those European countries where there exists excess populations.

I have designated an American Committee to cooperate with the International Committee, and this American Committee, I hope, will act as the intermediary between the International Committee and the many private organizations and individuals within the United States who are willing to extend effective assistance to these political refugees. I presume that many of the other countries represented on the International Committee will take similar action.

It has seemed to me that you could represent this Government admirably as the American member of the International Committee, and I hope very much that you will be willing to serve as the official representative of the United States on that body.



The representative of this Government will have the honorary rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and, in view of the fact that this Government has taken the initiative in suggesting the creation of the International Committee, it is probable that the other members of the Committee will select the United States representative as the chairman of that body. I can further assure you that the Government will give you the technical assistance that you may find necessary.

My dear Mr. President,

I feel that your acceptance of this position would do much to insure the successful achievement of the objectives which I had in mind when I sanctioned the creation of the International Committee, and in the furtherance of which believe public opinion in this country is deeply interested.

Interview yesterday, being the appointment tendered me of

Believe me,

ered me of honorary Ambassador Extraordinary and

Yours very sincerely,

Plenipotentiary to represent our Government in

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

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tion of political refugees from Germany and Austria.

I have the honor to say that I conferred with Mr.

Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, after

leaving you, and have this morning informed a number

of my associates of your offer.

I am pleased to accept the appointment, and trust

that I may acquit myself to your satisfaction.

With much appreciation of the honor which you have

done me, I am Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) WOODROW W. TAYLOR.

To the President.