

October Fifteenth  
1940

Hon. Cordell Hull  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hull:-

The enclosed letter has been received from  
Mrs. Horace Clifford of the Salvation Army of Youngstown,  
Ohio.

I will be deeply grateful for any information  
that you might be able to give me with regard to her  
inquiry.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,  
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

332 Post Office Building  
Youngstown, Ohio

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September 13 1940

Congressman Michael J. Kerwin,  
Washington, D. C..

Dear sir:

While attending the Canfield fair recently,  
I had the pleasure of meeting you.

Your secretary advised me to write to you  
regarding two neicés I have in England, that I am  
desirous to bring to this country. They are Joan  
and Nancy Wheeler ages fifteen and twelve respectively,  
children of my sister Mrs. Wm. Wheeler of Bristol  
England-28 Hillfields Ave.-Fishponds, Bristol.

We are quite able to take good care of them  
as long as they can stay, but are not financially  
able to pay their fares. I understand the fare is  
about \$ 300.00 each. I believe their parents could  
pay some of this but I am sure not all of it.

I would appreciate anything you can do for  
me and any advise you can give me.

I am

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Horace Clifford*  
D.M.

Mrs. Horace Clifford.  
Adjutant.

October Fifteenth  
1940

Mrs. Horace Clifford  
The Salvation Army  
254 E. Federal Street  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Clifford:-

Please pardon the delay which has been occasioned in acknowledging the receipt of your very kind letter of September 13th. I had hoped that it would be possible for me to talk with you personally on one of my visits to Youngstown.

I have been pleased to contact the State Department, advising them of your desire to have your neices brought to the United States and they have promised to advise me with regard to the matter. When I am in receipt of information from them, will advise you promptly.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

In reply refer to  
VD 811.111 Wheeler, Joan

October 15, 1940

My dear Mr. Kirwan:

I have your letter of October 15, 1940 with which you transmitted the enclosed communication from Mrs. Horace Clifford, who is anxious to bring her two nieces, Joan and Nancy Wheeler, to the United States from England.

It is suggested that Mrs. Clifford may wish to telegraph our Embassy at London regarding her desire to bring her nieces to the United States and to be responsible for their support. She may wish to have her bank or other organization also telegraph to the Embassy regarding her ability to provide for the children. The suggestion is made that telegraphic facilities be used in view of the uncertainties and delay in transmitting mail to the British Isles under present conditions.

Our

The Honorable

Michael J. Kirwan,

332 Post Office Building,

Youngstown, Ohio.

Our consular officers in the British Isles have been doing everything possible to facilitate the issuance of visas to refugee children. It is understood, however, that the British Government is not at this time permitting the sea evacuation of children.

The Department does not have funds to defray the transportation of refugee children. It is suggested that Mrs. Clifford may be able to obtain helpful suggestions in connection with the matter by communicating with the Youngstown branch of the United States Committee for the Care of European Children. This branch is in charge of Mr. Fred M. Orr, Mahoning Chapter, American Red Cross, 410 Stambaugh Building.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Wardell Hall

Enclosure:

From Mrs. Horace Clifford,  
September 13, 1940.

October Twenty-Fifth  
1940

Mrs. Horace Clifford  
The Salvation Army  
254 E. Federal Street  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Clifford:-

Supplementing my letter to you of October 15th,  
you will find letter enclosed which has been received  
from the Department of State, which is self-explanatory.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,  
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress