

93, rue Coli,

Casablanca, December 9, 1942.

Mr. MAYER,  
United States Vice-Consul,  
United States Consulate,  
CASABLANCA.

Dear Mr. Mayer,

I send you herewith a copy of the suggestion I turned over to Colonel PUGH on November 24th.

Since that time, certainly through no fault of Colonel Pugh, conditions in the camps have certainly deteriorated. There is a continual threat of reprisals if the men do not join the French Foreign Legion, and I greatly fear there will be incidents of a serious nature, which certainly would be regrettable from every point of view. Any recruited under such conditions to serve under officers in whom they have no confidence, would hardly be very good military material.

I know that the French are very anxious to have these people leave the camps as soon as possible, and would be entirely willing that the Spanish should depart for Mexico. The main difficulty now is to obtain the necessary visas from Mexico, and transportation thereto.

It would be a wonderful help if you could get the State Department to quickly arrange for such a migration as that would, at once, reduce the camp problem by 50%, since the English and many of the Poles have already left.

It will also help if the State Department could recognize Swoboda as the official Representative of Czecho-Slovacks in North-Africa, giving him the same status that Count Czapski has for the Polish Government. He would then have real power to deal with French Authorities here with regard to the removal of the Czechs.

A number of other miscellaneous people already have American visas for departure, and if the State Department could