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Leslie Heath,
American Consulate
CASABLANCA

Dear Leslie:

Enclosed is a note carried by Burritt Hiatt, the new Director for France..... There were several names on the note which we did not copy, and it now occurs to me that they may have been names of people in your area who wanted to go to the States. If thee wants to check on it, ask Marseille for R-2773.

And how is Casablanca? Indeed, we have not been overburdened with correspondence from thee, Friend, but we assume that the preliminary business of making contact and getting the feel of the place and the people has more than filled thy time.

Our big news is that a thousand children will be coming through here, probably, bound for the States. The U.S. has agreed to grant blanket visas for the kids, waiving almost all documentation except presentation of the child to a Consulate by one of the Committees in France. Unfortunately, quota numbers are being required which will delay the departure of the children till about December 10-15. The SERPA PINTO is lined up to take the thousand with special hospital facilities for this trip. Some 20-25 escorts will come from the States to manage the cargo on the trip over. We hope to be able to put the children up while they are here in several summer children's colonies along the seashore. French exit permits have been granted, Portuguese transit permits have been promised. Spain alone remains to be officially contacted on the project. Philip will probably postpone his vacation until after this flood of infants passes through. My own Tangier plans are momentarily in suspension.

Does thee know Burritt Hiatt? We had two days here of thoughtful discussion with him. He is a tool