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My division have been unable to find any correspondence with Mr Bell. As he sounds a peripatetic gentleman it might be safer to conduct our correspondence via the Solicitors but the second application can stay too.

Heaton 13/9/65

Mr Stratton
Room 48
Downing Street.

Yes, thank you.

14 Sept.

RHA. 27/9
x

RHA 30/9
x

Reject. Mr Bell owns land in several places & [illegible] interests towns. I think we should write via the solicitors.

Wm 4/10/65.

Miss Stratton

Reject submitted.

Carded.

M. H. Conroy 14/12

MR. WILSON

applicants.

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(83126) St.2

(HNP 3953)

Foreign Office
First Avenue House
High Holborn
LONDON. W.C. 1.

23 February, 1967.

Dear Sir,

The Foreign Secretary wishes me to reply to your letter of 19 February about your claim to compensation as a victim of Nazi persecution.

I am to state, with regret, that nothing further can be usefully added to this Department's letters of 15 December 1965, 3 August 1966 and 30 December 1966.

The Birth Certificate, Certificate from the Attorney General's Chambers, Jersey, and the Certificate from Sir Ambrose Sherwill enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

(H. McConnachie)
Claims Department.

R. Bell, Esq.,
Silver Springs Hotel,
St. Brelade,
JERSEY. C.I.

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To:—

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Silver Springs Hotel,
St. Brelade,
Jersey.
C.I.

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Telephone No. & Ext.

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Claims.

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The birth certificate, certificates from the Attorney General's Chambers Library, and the certificate from Sir Dunkerque Chenrai included herewith.

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HNP 3953 (E)

MR. ROBERT BEHR C·O
SILVER SPRINGS HOTEL
ST BRELADE JERSEY C·I

Dear Sir.

in this letter I am going to endevour to put to you, my claim for compensation for persicution under the Iernan occupying forces.

on the 7TH of January 1942 I was sentenced to eleven months imprisonment for receiving stolen Iernan foodstuffs. Some time in Febuary 1942 I was taken to France and put in DIJON Security fortress. where I Served eleven appaling months. with due respect I would like to set down in writing the humiliating and barbaric conditions in which I lived.

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for breakfast I had four ounces of black bread and one cup of acorn coffee, for dinner I had one pint of cabbage water this was my staple diet for eleven months.

when I arrived at Didon I was a healthy nine stone with a good set of hair and good teeth, at the end of these eleven appalling months I was a broken man in all but spirit, I was practicly bald and light with very few good teeth, the times that I had a decent wash or shave I can count on one hand, and my weight had dropped to four and a half stone:

I feel sure that if I had stayed in Didon another few weeks I would not be writing this letter today.

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at the end of my sentence I was taken to ST DENIS INTERNMENT camp where I stayed for eighteen month.

in ST DENIS I was put in hospital where I stayed for nine months under the care of doctor major brown I recovered a bit of my former health.

from ST DENIS I was sent to laufen internment camp in austria where I stayed till liberated by the americans on may 4th 1945.

hoping that you will review my case in the near future I remain yours faithfully.

Robert Bells

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

30 December, 1966.

The Foreign Secretary wishes me to reply to your letter of 8 December about your claim to compensation as a victim of Nazi persecution.

As was previously explained to you in this Department's letters of 15 December, 1965, and 3 August, 1966, your claim to compensation could not be accepted because you were not detained in a Nazi Concentration Camp but in civil prisons and civilian internment camps.

In conclusion I am to state that the compensation scheme has now closed and all the money available has been distributed amongst eligible applicants.

(C.C. Jones)
CLAIMS DEPARTMENT.

R. Bell, Esq.,
Silver Springs Hotel,
St. Brelaide,
Jersey,
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R. Bell, Esq.,
Silver Springs Hotel,
St. Brelade,
Jersey,
C.I.

from

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8 DEC. ROBERT BELL H

SILVERSPRINGS HOTEL

ST BRELADES JERSEY

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DEAR SIR

ON THE 22ND JAN. 1942 I WAS ARRESTED BY THE GERMAN FIELD POLICE FOR BEING IN POSSESION OF GERMAN GOODS BEING THE PROPERTY OF THE GERMAN MILITARY OF OCCUPATION I WAS DEPORTED TO CAEN PRISEM IN FRANCE TO SERVE A PRISON SENTENCE OF 11 MONTHS IMPOSED UPON ME AFTER BEING IN CAEN PRISON CALAIS FRANCE I WAS SENT TO DIJON A BIG FORTRESS WERE MANY DIED OF STARVATION. I ALSO SUFFERING MALNUTRITION. THEN I WAS SENT TO A CAMP CALLED

(Sir Ambrose Sherwill,

LA GRANDE CASERNE ST DENIS
WHERE I ARRIVED THE 23 OF DEC. 1942
STAY... WHERE IN HOSPITAL UNDER
THE CARE OF MAJOR DOCTOR BROWN
ONE OF THE FINEST DOCTORS I THINK
KNOWN WHO HAD BEEN SENT
FROM A PRISONER OF WAR CAMP
TO HELP WITH CASES OF MEN
SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION.
AFTER GETTING BETTER.
THE GERMANS THEN SENT ME
TO LAUFEN UPPER BAVARIA
WHERE I MET SIR AMBROSE.
I DO HOPE YOU TAKE IN CONDITIONS
THE AWFUL SICKNESS IN CITY
AND DIJON WHERE MANY FRENCH
POLISH JEWS DIED. I HAVE ENTERED
ALL OTHER EVIDENCE OBTAINABLE
AND WISH TO REMAIN YOUR PATRICOTIC
R Bell Jr thank you.

(Sir Ambrose Sherwill,

C O P Y

Essex Castle, Alderney

October 26th 1966.

This is to certify that Mr. ROBERT H. BELL, whose present address is: C/o Silver Spring Hotel, St. Brelade's, Jersey, was interned by the Germans in Ilag VII at Laufen, Upper Bavaria, Germany. It is no longer possible for me, from memory, to give the exact date of Mr. Bell's arrival in that Camp but he was certainly still interned there when the Camp was liberated by the American Army on May 4th, 1945.

(Signed) A. Sherwill

(Sir Ambrose Sherwill, British Camp Senior at Ilag VII, Laufen, Germany, from June 29th, 1943 until the date of Liberation, and Bailiff of Guernsey from 1946 to 1960).

C O P Y

XB 641785

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Name and Surname		Robert Bell
Sex		Boy
Date of Birth		Twenty second Nov. 1914
Place of Birth	Registration District	Cholton
	Sub-district	Cholton Upon Medlock.

Certifed to have been compiled from records in the custody of the Registrar General. Given at the General Register Office, Somerset House, London, under the Seal of the said Office, the
23rd day of July 1965.

(...3953)

FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

3 August, 1966.

The Foreign Secretary wishes me to reply to your letter of 20 July about your application to register a claim to compensation under the Anglo-German Agreement of 9 June, 1964.

The International Red Cross have no record of a concentration camp or a comparable institution being situated at Fort d'Hauteville nor have we any trace of any Guernsey policemen or other Channel Islanders dying there. In fact, none of the other people who were there have claimed that it was a concentration camp and consequently their applications were not registered for imprisonment at that place. I regret to have to confirm, therefore, that we are unable to register your claim.

(C.C. Jones)
Claims Department.

R.H. Bell, Esq.,
Silver Springs Hotel,
St. Brezaids,
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To:—

R. H. BELL, ESQ,
SILVER SPRINGS HOTEL,
ST. BREZAIDS,
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From

C. C JONES

Telephone No. & Ext.

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The Foreign Secretary wishes me to reply to your letter of 20th July about your application to register a claim to compensation under the Anglo-German Agreement of 9th June, 1964.

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(83126) Wt.S.

May I have following HWP files please.

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JERSEY.

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DEAR SIR

I WAS SENT TO FRANCE.
FOR BEING IN POSSESSION
OF GERMAN FOODSTUFF
LATER I WAS TO LEARN IT
WAS ROBBED. I WAS SENT
TO FRANCE JAN 10 TO
CAEM PRISON WITERE
I STAYED 6 MONTHS UNDER
STARVATION CONDITIONS.
AFTER LOSING SOME WEIGH
I WAS SENT TO FORT-DE-
HAUTIVILLE WITER
CONDITION WERE WORCE.
LICE REAL STARVATION
VERY ALL INDEED.

Claims Diff.. In advising for

AFTER SPENDING 9 MONTHS
THERE, I WAS SENT TO
ST DENIS INTERNMENT
CAMP WEIGHING 4 ½
STONE, I WAS IN ST
DENIS HOSPITAL 9 MONTH
AND UNDER THE CARE
OF DR BROWN ex ARMY
MAN, GOT BETTER. SPENT.
ABOUT 1 YEAR AT ST DENIS
CAMP, THEN SENT TO
LAUFEN GERMANY.
INTERMENT CAMP. AND
LIBERATED BY AMERICANS
YOUR TRULY
ROBERT BELL
~~2 WWI~~ No 1817.
ALL DETAILS ABOUT ME.
BRITISH RED CROSS LONDON

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ROBERT BELL
SILVER SPRING HOTEL
ST PETERSBURG FLORIDA

DEAR SIR

IN REPLY TO THE ANSWER TO THE LETTER OF 10 JULY
I SENT YOU, I MENTIONED
THE PLACE WHERE I HAD BEEN SO YOU COULD EASILY
CHECK UP THEREON THAT THERE
-ORDS. I AM ONLY COMPLAINING
COMPENSATION FOR BEING
IN THOSE CONDITIONS
OF THAT WAS A CIVILIAN PRISON
TO A CONCENTRATION, NO BATH NO
WASH, DYSENTRY, STENCH NO
EXERCISE, PINT OF CABBAGE
WATER A DAY, WENT DOWN FROM
TO

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JULY 20 HNP/3953

ROBERT BELL
SILVER SPRING HOTEL
STOBRIDGE JARSKY

DEAR SIR

IN REPLY TO THE ANSWER TO THE LETTER AND FORM I SENT YOU. I MENTIONED THE PLACE WHERE I HAD BEEN SO YOU COULD EASILY CHECK UP. INTRODUCTI THANKED -ORDS. I AM ONLY CLAIMING COMPENSATION FOR BEING IN THOSE BOATS DAY AFTER DAY UNTIL THAT WAS A SIMILAR PLACE TO A CONCRETION, NO BATH NO WASH, DYSENTRY, STENCH NO EXERCISE, PINT OF CABBAGE WATER A DAY, WENT DOWN FROM TO

STATEMENT OF BELL.

9 STONE IN WEIGHT TO LATE
STONE IN WEIGHT. FORT-DE-
HAUTVILLE WAS NOT A PRISON
IT WAS NOT INTERNMENT COMP
YOU CLASSIFY IT AS A
PRISON. HOW THEN
DID 3 GUERNSEY POLICEMEN
4 ENGLISHMEN FROM JERSEY
DIE OF STARVATION OR
INSIDE 9 MONTH. TWAS AT
LONG TIME GETTING BETTER
AT ST DENIS HOSPITAL. NEAR
PARIS WHERE I WAS GIVEN
TWO RED-CROSS PARCELS A WEEK
THE GERMANS BROKE ALL DEMOCRATIC
LAWS THEREFORE THEY MUST BE MADE
TO TIP UP. YOURS PATRIOT R BELL.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

11 July, 1966.

(Ref/3953)

Thank you for your letter received on 6 July about your application for compensation.

On 15 December, 1965, we sent a reply to you c/o your solicitors explaining that your application was not eligible for registration. A copy of the letter is enclosed. I am sorry we are unable to help you.

(C.C. Jones)
Claims Department.

Robert H. Bell, Esq.,
Silver Springs Hotel,
St. Brelaids,
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To:—

ROBERT H. BELL, ESQ.,
SILVER SPRINGS HOTEL,
ST. BRELADS, JERSEY.

From

C.L. JONES

Telephone No. & Ext.

Department

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BJ 8/7.

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ROBERT H BELL. H

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SILVER SPRINGS HOTEL
ST BRELADS JERSEY
CHANNEL ISLES.

DEAR MR WILSON.

I HAD SENT MY FORM FILLED IN OVER 12 MONTHS AGO, BUT HAVE HAD NO REPLY, I THINK I HAD FORGOT TO ADD MY ADDRESS I WOULD BE PLEASED, IF YOU WILL CHECK; I WAS MAPPED BY THE BRITISH RED CROSS DURING THE AND THEY KNOW EVERYWHERE I HAD BEEN, AND AFTER LONG SUFFRING HAVE HAD NO COMPENSATION

Yours Truly Robert Bell.

question of ... could be raised only in the ... Treaty with a united Germany. There is ... and it is naturally impossible ...

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

15 December, 1965.

(HNP/3953)

The Foreign Secretary wishes me to acknowledge your application to register a claim to compensation as a victim of Nazi persecution.

I must first explain that for the purposes of this registration "Nazi persecution" means illegal detention in a Concentration Camp such as Auschwitz, Belsen, Dachau or comparable place, for the purpose of the deliberate infliction of organised torture and extermination in furtherance of Nazi ideology.

After considering your application very carefully, I am sorry to have to tell you that, on the information you have given, it cannot be registered, since the prisons at Caen and Hauteville and camps at St. Denis and Laufen in which you were detained were not Concentration Camps or comparable institutions but civil prisons and internment camps.

It is well known that in many cases those who were detained as civilians suffered considerable hardship, but this does not constitute "Nazi persecution", since it was not illegal to intern enemy civilians during the War. Any question of compensation for sufferings during internment could be raised only in the context of an eventual Peace Treaty with a united Germany. There is, as yet, no such Treaty and it is naturally impossible to say what the terms of one will be.

Every sympathy is felt for those who suffered as you did during the War and I am very sorry to have to send you what must seem a disappointing reply.

(C.W.M. Wilson)
Claims Department

R. Bell, Esq.,
c/o Galsworthy & Stones,
Martins Bank Chambers,
Halkett Place,
St. Helier,
Jersey, C.I.

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R.BELL, ESQ.,
C/O GALSWORTHY & STONES,
MARTINS BANK CHAMBERS,
HALKETT PLACE,
ST. HELIER,
JERSEY,
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* Amend for grammatical consistency.
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from C.W.M. WILSON
(CLAIMS DEPT.)

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* to acknowledge your application to

* register a/~~letter of~~.....

* ~~about the registration of~~/ claim to

* compensation as a/~~n~~ victim of Nazi persecution.

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(~~suffering, torture and death~~

in furtherance of Nazi ideology/~~doctrines~~.

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* in which you were detained were/~~was~~ not

* a Concentration Camps or comparable

* institutions but ~~an internment~~/civil prisons and ~~prisoner of war~~ camps.

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.....]/.....but

ROBERT BELL
1814

2 MARGRITH COTTAGE
KENSITON PLACE
ST HILIER
JERSEY.

IN CARE OF
[redacted]

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MR. ROBERT BELL AND [redacted]

I attach two letters from Mr. Robert Bell in Jersey, one of which is written on behalf of [redacted]. Both relate to claims for compensation for ill-treatment at the hands of the Germans. You will remember that I wrote to Mr. Bell's solicitor about his own claim on 14 September.

2. I leave it to you to decide whether this correspondence should be pursued through the normal departmental channel or whether you would rather that I should continue to write to Mr. Bell. I suspect, though I cannot at present check with Mr. Padley, that this may have arisen during Mr. Padley's stay in Jersey on holiday last month.

R. J. Stratton

(R. J. Stratton)
24 September, 1965

Claims Department

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If not, when and how did you lose it?
(Please attach all documentary evidence)

FORM A for use by surviving victims of Nazi persecution

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A BRITISH VICTIM OF NAZI PERSECUTION

N.B.—1. Before completing this form it is important to read carefully the attached Notes for Guidance and then to answer all questions fully.

2. Please attach all documentary evidence to the form. All documents sent will be returned.

3. All applications must be received before the 31st of July, 1965.

4. Acceptance of an application for registration does not constitute a right to participate in the distribution.

SECTION ONE—IDENTITY

Surname BELL

Other names ROBERT 1819

Address 2 MARGRITA COTTAGE KENSINGTON PLACE ST HELIER JERSEY C Isles

SECTION TWO—NATIONALITY

1. How did you acquire British nationality? BY BIRTH

(Please write YES opposite the method that applies and delete the others)

(*a*) By birth? YES (If so, please attach birth certificate) 22/11/64 PHOTOSTAT MANUFESTRA

(*b*) By marriage? (If so, please attach marriage certificate and birth or naturalisation certificate of husband)

(*c*) By naturalisation? (If so, please attach certificate)

(*d*) By some other method? (If so, please give full details)

2. If you are not British by birth what was your previous nationality?

Do you still retain that nationality?

If not, when and how did you lose it?

(Please attach all documentary evidence)

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3. If you are a dual-national—

(*a*) Where were you ordinarily resident on the 9th of June, 1964? GERMANY

(Please attach all available evidence, *e.g.*, receipts for rent or rates, &c.)

(*b*) Have you been in Crown Service under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom?
(If so, please give full details and dates) NO

ALL DOCUMENTS

(*c*) Are you the holder of a British passport? (If so, please give number and full details)

DESTROY. NO
BY GERMANS

SECTION THREE—PERSECUTION

1. Please give, on a separate sheet, the following details of your imprisonment:

(*a*) Name of camp or other place of detention, its situation, its general conditions and régime;

(*b*) Dates of imprisonment and of release; prison number; reasons for imprisonment and circumstances in which it arose;

(*c*) If you are suffering permanent disability as a result of treatment received during your imprisonment please give full details of its nature and cause;

(*d*) Any other information you consider useful and relevant.
(Please attach all documentary evidence)

2. Have you at any time received any payment in respect of this persecution? NO
(If YES please give full details)

I HEREBY DECLARE that all the above statements are to the best of my knowledge and recollection true in all particulars.

Signature ROBERT BELL

Date SEPT 22.

14/12

(Please attach all available evidence, *e.g.*, receipts for rent or rates, &c.)

(*b*) Have you been in Crown Service under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom?
(If so, please give full details and dates)

NO

ALL DOCUMENTS.

(*c*) Are you the holder of a British passport? (If so, please give number and full details)

DESTROY. NO
BY GERMANS

SECTION THREE—PERSECUTION

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Enter.

14 September, 1965.

Gentlemen,

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I regret to tell you that the Section who deal with claims from Nazi victims have no record of any correspondence with Mr. Bell. I am therefore enclosing a set of forms on which he can apply for compensation. As he has changed his address several times perhaps we could send correspondence on the claim to you for forwarding to him?

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

sgd. (R.J. Stratton)
Private Secretary to
Mr. Padley

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Halkett Place,
St. Helier,
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Galsworthy & Stones

from

R.J. Stratton Esq.

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MR. WALTER PADLEY'S OFFICE

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Gentlemen,

Mr Padley has asked me to reply to your letter of 6 Sept. about the claim of Mr. Robert Bell.

I regret to tell you that the Section who deal with claims from ~~U.K.~~ Nazi victims have no record of any correspondence with ~~him at all.~~ Mr. Bell.

I am therefore enclosing a set of forms on which he can apply for compensation. As he has changed his address several times perhaps we could ~~direct~~ Ger correspondence on the claim

M.F.P

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GALSWORTHY & STONES
ENGLISH SOLICITORS

R. M. GALSWORTHY (B.A.CANTAB)
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J. S. STONES (M.A.OXON)

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6th September, 1965.

-. Padley, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Robert Bell of Jersey' Application for
Grant of Compensation for persecution by Nazis.

We understand that Mr. Robert Bell now of 2 Westbourne Terrace, Wellington Road, St. Saviour, Jersey, made an application to your Office for compensation some twelve months ago when he was living at a different address since when he has changed his address on several occasions and for which reason if any acknowledgment of his claim was sent by your Office it may well have gone astray.

We would therefore, be very much obliged if you would let us know whether any acknowledgment of such application has been made and whether any Grant in his favour has been approved.

Yours faithfully,