



# SOCIAL SECURITY

The Commissioner

November 20, 2014

Mr. Michael D. Lissner  
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Dear Mr. Lissner:

Thank you for your October 17, 2014 letter about including payments to Holocaust survivors as countable assets for Supplemental Security Income benefits when the payments are passed to the survivor's children. You raise policy issues about how payments to individuals affected by the Holocaust should be treated under the law. We take these issues very seriously and realize they are especially sensitive to individuals who were or had immediate family members affected by the Nazi persecution during World War II. We share your concerns, and we are taking a fresh look at the authorities and our policy surrounding them. We will send you a final reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Carolyn W. Colvin  
Acting Commissioner

cc:  
Samuel J. Dubbin