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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The press this morning reports the passage by the Senate of a revision of the immigration laws sponsored chiefly by Senator McCarran.

While believing in certain principles included in the bill, we believe on the whole that such proposals as would be made by Senators Humphrey and Lehman would be in the interest of the United States.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church, the highest authoritative body of the church, took action during its recent meeting, April 23 to May 7, in San Francisco urging the elimination of all racial barriers to immigration. A copy of this action is enclosed although the secretary of the General Conference may have sent it to you earlier.

We believe that the present bill as reported should be vetoed and both House and Senate requested to provide a bill eliminating certain technical requirements for immigrants which are embodied in the present bill and also increasing the number of immigrants permitted to enter this country far beyond the 380 person addition which appears to be the restriction embodied in the present proposed legislation.

I am sending copies of this letter to Senators Humphrey and Lehman, particularly hoping that you may veto the bill and they may confer concerning the kind of measure which ought to be passed by the United States Congress.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Charles F. Boss, Jr.

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AN APPEAL FOR WORLD-WIDE RACIAL TOLERANCE

Adopted on April 29, 1952 by the General Conference of the Methodist Church meeting at San Francisco from April 23 to May 6, 1952

We appeal to the Congress of the United States for legislation to eliminate racial ineligibility to citizenship, and the exclusion system based thereon, by the enactment of the following provisions:

1. That laws providing naturalization to citizenship in the United States shall apply hereafter to all aliens alike, irrespective of race, color, or place of birth.
2. That provisions governing Quota Immigrants from European and certain other countries shall be extended to include all persons native of Asia and the Islands adjacent thereto.
3. No person, otherwise admissible by law, shall be excluded or prevented from entering the United States, or be ineligible to citizenship, on account of race, color, or place of birth.



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