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My dear Mr. Siegel:

This will acknowledge receipt of the letter of June third signed by yourself and Mr. Joseph Brumberg on behalf of your organization. You may be assured that if and when the bill to which you refer is presented to the President for consideration, it will be given his careful consideration.

Very sincerely yours,



WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

Mr. Jacob Siegel,
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~~Urgent~~: Urge veto of McCarran Immigration bill.

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Chicago Jewish Labor Committee, representing over 20,000 members organized in various locals of the Federation of Jewish Trade Unions (AFL) in Chicago and over 4,000 members of the Workmen's Circle in Chicago, is alarmed at the unjust and deplorable infringement that would be done to the fundamental concepts embodied in our Constitution and Bill of Rights if the McCarran-Walter Immigration bill becomes a law.

While there is certainly need for codification of laws dealing with immigration and naturalization, such codification should reflect a flexibility and humaneness consistent with our democratic traditions and our leading role for the achievement of Democracy in the whole world.

The McCarran-Walter Immigration bill, however, actually confirms the previous racial discriminations and introduces a number of new ones. It also provides for arbitrary treatment not only of aliens, but of many who have become citizens of the United States. Thus to the world that looks upon the United States as a symbol of liberty and freedom this measure would destroy this vision of hope and its confidence in our integrity.

We strongly urge your rejection of the McCarran-Walter Immigration bill by Presidential veto on humanitarian grounds, on democratic grounds, and on the basis of American liberal tradition.

Respectfully yours,

Jacob Siegel, Chairman

Joseph Brumberg, Executive Director

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