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My dear Mr. Silver:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May sixth with enclosure. May I assure you that your interest in writing and acquainting the President with your views is appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,



WILLIAM D. HASSETT  
Secretary to the President

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~~Enclosure~~: Encloses for the P's information a copy of a letter he addressed to Senator Homer Ferguson protesting enactment of the Walter & McCarran Omnibus Immigrations bills.

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President Harry S. Truman  
 The White House  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing for your information and attention, a copy  
 of a letter I have sent today to Senator Homer Ferguson,  
 on the subject of immigration legislation incorporated in  
 the Walter and McCarran Omnibus Immigration Bills.

Respectfully yours,



*Harold Silver*  
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JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU  
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May 6, 1952

Senator Homer Ferguson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

I was in the group of representatives of social and civic agencies to whom you were good enough to give a hearing last November 23rd, on the subject of pending immigration legislation. My remarks touching the particular deportation features of the Omnibus Bill were transmitted to you by Miss Cassidy in a letter last January 24th.

Since then the Walter Bill passed the House. I was shocked to see the overwhelming majority by which so restrictive and essentially un-American measure was adopted.

The Walter Bill or the McCarran Bill will soon be presented on the floor of the Senate. I regard the McCarran Bill as even worse than the Walter Bill: it actually curtails immigration, it establishes serious hazards to the status and security of hundreds of thousands of immigrants already here, it endangers the citizenship of millions of naturalized Americans

Perhaps the most vicious portions of the McCarran Bill are the broadened grounds for deportation, one of which abolishes existing statutes of limitations and another makes these grounds retroactive to cover all previously admitted immigrants.

Your position on and support of DP Legislation in the past, which is so much appreciated by the citizens of Michigan, lead me to hope that you will not support so inhumane a measure as either the Walter or the McCarran Bill. To remove all objectionable features by amendments from the floor is, I think, an impossible task. I, therefore, strongly urge you to vote against both of these Bills.

Respectfully yours,



Harold Silver  
Director

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