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My dear Miss McWilliams:

Your letter of May twenty-sixth has been received by the President and your words of approval and prayerful wishes are deeply gratifying to him.

It was thoughtful of you to submit an expression of your views and you may be sure that if and when the bill to which you refer is presented to the President for official action, it will be given his most careful consideration.

Very sincerely yours,



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~~Asks~~ Asks veto of McCarran Immigration Bill; approves Lehman-Humphrey bill. Commendation on President's stand in several measures.

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

Dear Mr. President:

The honor is mine to address you and to urge that you will veto the McCarran-Walter Immigration Bill because of my beliefs which are embodied in the editorial of the New York Times of the 24th May, 1952, as follows:

"Senate passage of the McCarran anti-immigration bill means now that hope of defeating this monstrous piece of legislation lies in a Presidential veto. We trust that the veto will be forthcoming and that enough Congressmen will have read the measure prior to that time to insure that the veto will be sustained.

Badly as our country needs revision and codification of our immigration and naturalization laws, it would be better in our opinion to have no revision at all than the kind of racist, restrictionist and reactionary legislation embodied in the McCarran bill.

Let no one be misled by the fact that the McCarran measure is the product of three years of study. The study took place, of course, within the Judiciary Committee, which, by accident of seniority, the statesman from Nevada happens to head and which he completely dominates. The committee never even gave a hearing to the rival Humphrey-Lehman bill as such, although the latter is backed by a dozen or so able members of the Senate who are interested in upholding American principles of justice and fair play even in respect to voteless aliens and immigrants. They could have tied up the Senate indefinitely by debating every one of the couple of hundred proposed amendments to the McCarran bill; but these Senators are not the kind to engage in filibuster."

A personal letter has been sent by me to Senators Humphrey and Lehman, favoring their Bill S 2842.

Permit me Sir to applaud your stand on the following:

Civil Rights.

Your sincere desire for the security and welfare of this nation by seizing the multi-million dollar steel mills.

Your admonition of those who would smear and degrade the honest Civil Service Workers by innuendo and false accusation.

Your stand against McCarthyism, which has harmed this country no end.

Your Point Four Program and your Foreign and Domestic policies.

God grant you and your family good health and happiness.



(Miss)

Very respectfully yours,

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