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My dear Mrs. Maas:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May eighteenth to the President, transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by your organization. Please be assured that he appreciates your interest in writing and acquainting him with the views of your membership regarding the bills you mention.

Very sincerely yours,



WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

Mrs. William Maas,
Recording Secretary,
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~~At~~: At a meeting commemorating the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising they adopted resolution urging defeat of the McCarran-Walter Bill and support of the Humphrey-Lehman Bill. Ask the President's support.

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May 18, 1952

Hon. Harry S. Truman
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed statement was adopted at a public meeting held by our organization on May 15, 1952 at Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco. This meeting was to commemorate the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and was attended by 350 citizens of San Francisco.

Also adopted at this meeting was a resolution urging the defeat of the McCarran-Walter Bill and the support of the Humphrey-Lehman Bill.

We urge you to do everything possible to support our action on these matters.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. William Maas

Recording Secretary
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Gathered on this night of May 15, 1952 on the occasion of the ninth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, we pay homage to the 40,000 heroes of that historic revolt, and take serious cognizance of the freedoms for which they died.

Our government's current policy of rearming those who so recently bore arms under Hitler concerns us deeply, and makes us rightfully fearful.

The legions of our innocent dead would never agree that recent Nazi soldiers could so soon be trusted with arms to fight in the cause of freedom.

In the name of the embattled heroes who died fighting behind the walls of the Warsaw Ghetto; in the name of the countless thousands of American youth who gave their lives to end Nazi tyranny, we call upon you, Mr. President, and upon our State Department for a reversal of present policy on rearming Germany. We urge instead an all-out effort to bring to all the German people an understanding of their democratic responsibility and to heed the thinking of the vast majority within Germany who oppose rearmament and its hateful counterpart, the Nazi military machine.