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My dear Mr. Perillo:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May twenty-second to the President. Please be assured that your interest in writing and acquainting him with your views regarding the bills you mention is appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,



WILLIAM D. HASSETT
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~~RECORDED~~ Opposed to McCarran Immigration bill; favors Lehman-Humphrey bill.

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The Honorable
Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

We have watched with great interest the outcome of your proposal to permit the entrance into the United States of 300,000 Europeans and we have approved wholeheartedly the measure proposed by Representative Emanuel Celler in his H. R. 7376.

The newspapers carry some disheartening news this morning for the thousands of persons with relatives still living in Europe in the report that the Lehman-Humphrey Bill was rejected by the Senate by a vote of 51 to 27, and that the prospects of the monstrous McCarran Bill being passed today by that body.

As Chief Executive of the United States and a great humanitarian, you are respectfully urged to veto this act if and when it is passed. This measure would render any naturalized citizen a second class citizen, would reduce immigration to a mere trickle and would be highly discriminatory against certain groups, classes or races of people.

We realize that you have done all in your power to introduce more liberal legislation and provide for more humane immigration laws. We are solidly behind these efforts and those of our Senator Lehman, Senator Hendrickson, Senator Humphrey, Representative Roosevelt and Representative Celler to bring about a revision of the laws pertaining to immigration that would benefit our country and not set up an iron curtain around it and legislation that would help our European brothers to help themselves.

We are proud of our President's humanitarianism and assuring him of our ardent support, we have the honor to be,

Respectfully,

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