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Veto

P.M.O.

July 9, 1952

My dear Judge O'Brien:

Please accept the President's thanks for your letter commending his action in vetoing the McCarran-Walters Bill. In his message returning the Immigration and Nationality Act to the House of Representatives without his approval, he stated his conviction that the bill was a step backward in the immigration and naturalization policy of our country. Unfortunately this action by the President failed by two votes of being sustained in the Senate.

With the thought that you might like to have a copy of the President's veto message for your ready reference, I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

Honorable Patrick H. O'Brien,
Judge of Probate Court of Wayne County,
Wayne County Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

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My Dear Judge O'Brien,
Judge of Probate court of Wayne Co.
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PATRICK H. O'BRIEN
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July 1, 1952

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

Dear Mr. Truman:

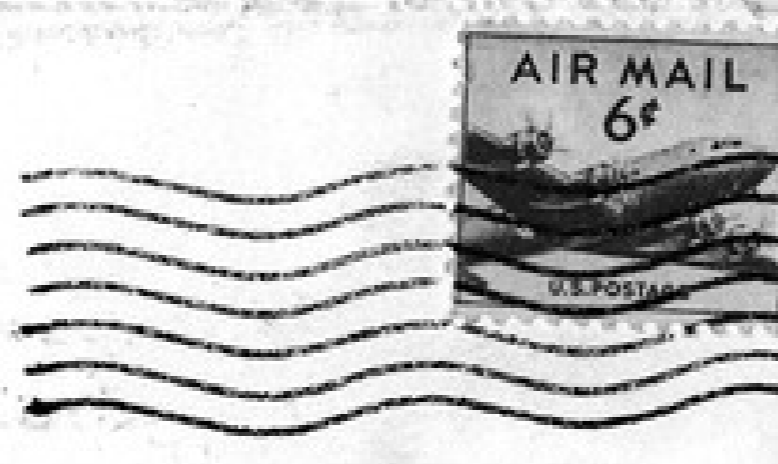
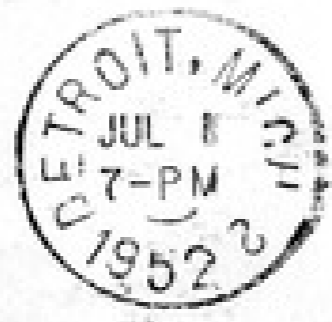
Permit me to congratulate you upon your veto of the McCarran-Walter immigration and nationality bill and also upon your very precise, timely, and eloquent statement of the broad principles upon which America was founded and upon which you based your veto.

Thanks for your splendid reaffirmation of our tolerance and our hospitality to the people of the world without regard to race, color, or creed. The attitude you have expressed is a long step toward the final brotherhood of man.

The mere fact that, since dictating the above two paragraphs of this letter, the bill was passed over your veto does not in any way detract from your sturdy stand for social, political, and perhaps economic equality upon which your veto was based. Your veto message will be remembered long after the devotees of artificial distinctions between groups of our people are forgotten.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon Patrick H. O'Brien



Honorable Harry S. Truman
The White House
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