

DISPLACED PERSONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 13, 1952

IN REPLY, REFER TO:
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Dear Mr. Jones:

Attention: Mrs. Garziglia
Room 253



This is to acknowledge your request for the Commission's views on H.R. 5678, "An Act to revise the laws relating to immigration, naturalization, and nationality; and for other purposes".

As you are aware, the Commission's statutory responsibilities are limited to a relatively small area of immigration, relating only to persons under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended. On the other hand, the Omnibus Immigration Bill, H.R. 5678, covers subjects and fields so much broader than this statutory responsibility, that the Commission as such -- quite apart from the views of any of its individual members -- feels constrained to make no recommendation to the President on H.R. 5678.

The Commission, as you know, served on the Inter-Departmental Committee which made a study and submitted recommendations to the President for a temporary, emergency immigration program. Such an immigration program was proposed by the President in his Special Message to the Congress of March 24, 1952. The Commission has consistently maintained that it would be in the best interests of the President's special program that it be considered on its own merits and be kept strictly apart from the general Omnibus Immigration Bill. Therefore, and in view of the urgency of securing favorable action by the Congress at this session on the President's Special program, the Commission does not deem it desirable to express any opinion on the merits of H.R. 5678.

There has been a great deal of charge and counter-charge as to just how the omnibus immigration bill will affect aliens already admitted to the United States, as to their naturalization

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and possible deportation. We would respectfully suggest that the agencies charged with the administration of the law be requested to give their views as to what effect, if any, the Sections on the attached page would have upon persons admitted into the United States under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended.



Sincerely yours,

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Chairman

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- 1) Section 241 (New grounds for Deportation) and Section 241(d) (Retroactive application).
- 2) Section 241(a) (1) (Abolition of Statutes of limitations on Deportation)
- 3) Section 241(a)(1) (Deportation for Technical errors in original Admission)
- 4) Section ^{241(a)(8)} 212(a)(15) (Deportation without Judicial Review)
- 5) Section 313(a)(2)(F) (Denial of Citizenship, and 340 (Denaturalization).
- 6) Section 203 (Preferences) and Section 212(a)(14) (Requirements), -- effect on Section 3(c) of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended, which continues until June 30, 1954.

