April 20, 1952

Hon. Ernest W. McFarland
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Recently you announced that S.2550, Senator McCarran's Omnibus Immigration Bill, is to be included among the bills to be taken up by the Senate at this session and presumably in the near future.

We are again calling your attention to S.2842 which a number of us have introduced and which is likewise an omnibus immigration bill.

Recently three of us wrote to Senator McCarran and asked for hearings on S.2842. A copy of the letter requesting such hearings is attached for your information. We propose to continue to press for these hearings.

As you are aware, there is very strong feeling in opposition to S.2550 and it would be our intention and, we believe, that of others, to conduct a very extensive debate on this complicated and extremely involved measure affecting, as it does, the entire structure of our immigration policy and the status of thousands of naturalized citizens and aliens now in America.

We hope you might use your influence with Senator McCarran to urge him to support our request for hearings on S.2842.
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Should it be decided to call up S.2550 before hearings on S.2042 are held and before the Senate Judiciary Committee gets a chance to consider S.2042, we would appreciate further advance notice on when S.2550 is to be called up, so that we may adequately prepare ourselves for discussion of this vitally important matter.

You may be interested to know that we would propose, if S.2550 is called up, to submit S.2042 as a substitute. We also would desire an opportunity to present upwards of 100 amendments to S.2550 to bring out the salient points of difference between S.2550 and S.2042, points which a great many groups and organizations interested in immigration feel are vital and critical.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Hubert H. Humphrey
(Signed) Herbert H. Lehman
(Signed) William Benton
(Signed) James E. Murray
(Signed) Wayne Morse
(Signed) John Pastore
(Signed) Estes Kefauver
(Signed) Paul Douglas
(Signed) Brian McMahon