July 19, 1954

Honorable Eugene D. Millikin
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

A copy of a letter dated July 6, 1954, addressed to you by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Edward E. Swanson, Chairman, Committee on Migration and Refugee Problems, of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, concerning certain provisions in the pending Social Security Bill, has been brought to my attention.

I am personally acquainted with Monsignor Swanson, and with the work of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies, and its constituent groups. For many years these organizations have been providing highly valuable and essential services in the field of immigration and resettlement. I hold these organizations in the very highest regard.

The particular problems which have been raised concerning those provisions of the pending Social Security Bill dealing with aliens have caused me some concern. While I have not studied these provisions in detail and am not entirely familiar with all of the problems involved in the limitations proposed to be placed on benefits to "unlawfully admitted" aliens, I have been impressed with the arguments set forth in Monsignor Swanson's letter.

It would be my hope that your committee would give careful consideration to the questions raised in his letter, for I believe it is quite desirable that technical questions of this nature be worked out in committee before the legislation reaches the floor of the Senate.

In the meantime, I am undertaking a more detailed study of these problems, and in the event that no action is forthcoming from your Committee I may wish to introduce appropriate amendments to the Bill on the floor.

Thank you for your consideration of this problem.

Very sincerely yours,