Dear -------:

I have carefully noted your comments and observations with respect to the proposed legislation that would liberalize our immigration laws. Frankly, I have seen no good reason advanced for modifying the McCarran-Walter Act in any substantial or particular manner and would certainly not do so without good reason.

You will recall that the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, which was enacted over a Presidential veto in the second Session of the 84th Congress, was virtually a complete recodification and modification of our immigration, nationality, and deportation statutes.

A measure of the magnitude of the Immigration and Nationality Act is bound to require some modification from time to time to keep abreast of developments both at home and abroad in light of experience and the changing world. That can be done without weakening or destroying our quota system and other features of the basic law.

I am glad to note your interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen