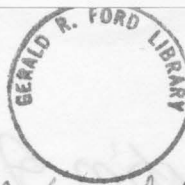


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IMMIGRATION (Illegal Aliens Question)

Padre Alvarez described problems in New York and Northeastern Seaboard. Illegal aliens are being abused. Denial of basic constitutional rights are the rule. Illegal aliens include Dominicans, Haitians, Puerto Ricans (?)

CPS - has been documenting treatment of illegal aliens by local police forces

Patterson, N.J. - types of illegal aliens - Mostly Latin Americans. Latin Americans: Colombians, Peruvians, Argentines, Dominicans, Italians, Greeks, etc. Even Puerto Ricans are asked to produce citizenship papers. Amnesty ought to be granted to people who have an equity in this country.

- More border guards advocated - Cesar Chavez
- California Chicano legislators against ~~illegal~~ Bracero program / Statement of six Chicano legislators directed at the President
- Whether illegals are taking jobs away from American citizens or are they taking jobs nobody else wants.

* Question:

- What ~~do we do~~ about the illegal aliens who are here?
- What do we do about the ~~continuous~~ flow of illegal ~~from~~ ^{aliens from} Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Italy, Greece, etc.
- What do we do about ~~the~~ the institution of a bracero program.
- Do we need one?

Basic reason is economic and illegal reunification of the family.

Do we close up the border?
Do we support Immigration's request for funds to support this effort?

Two types of illegals:

- ① He who comes strictly to earn wages, whose family ties are all back in Mexico.
- ② Those with family ties in the U.S.
 not accepting proper the employment of children, family of 7, \$11,300, family guidelines

DOL - Jan 8th proposed change in "public charge" definition in DOL regulations. \$5,000 bond to bring in your parent; \$2,000 bond for children. Accept affidavits of support. Consulates are making legal immigration very difficult through application of public charge definition by consular officials - family unit cases. / Jan 1972 entry date requirement. kids cannot go to schools, wives can't work because of U.S. citizenship. - mass rounding up of illegal aliens - publishing who got picked up.

Incarceration of illegal aliens is a good revenue source for local jails and prisons. U.S. Govt pays local jurisdictions for detention of illegals.

Effects of illegality on psyche/social adjustment of illegals

- confinement to U.S. boundaries; cannot visit

Mothers who have lost up to 3 sons in war. Cannot obtain

permanent resident visa.

- our brother might be right next to us.



Paul -

I have to get back to the office for meeting this afternoon with Don Rumsfeld and later briefing with the President. The so-called Big Eight Hispanic leaders are coming over to the White House for a meeting I've set up with Rumsfeld, Brundage, Jack Marsh at 3:30 pm this afternoon, Conference Room 102. Can you make it for 30 or 40 minutes at 3:30 pm?

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QUESTIONS:

- (b) Can we agree on some form of standard identification for all Americans -
- (d) Do we -

4 to 12 million

1) What do we do about the 'illegal aliens' who are here?

- (a) Do we support mass deportation efforts? ~~(b) Do we insist on strict enforcement to prevent alienation of status for certain illegal aliens?~~
- (b) Do we support some ~~other~~ ^{other} form of amnesty or adjustment of status for certain illegal aliens?

2) What do we do about the flow of illegal aliens from Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Italy, Greece and other parts of the world

Some form of community for those who are here. -
Agree illegal immigrants -

(a) Do we support Immigration's request for more funds to support this effort, (ie more funds for the hiring and training of border patrol officers).

(b) Do we support the efforts of the State Dept to better track those foreign visitors on legitimate tourist visas so as to protect against those who overstay their ~~visa~~ visits and become illegal aliens.

3) What do we do about a bracero type program?

(a) Do we need one or do we now have an adequate ~~supply~~ supply of labor to meet current and projected demands?

(b) If we agree we need one, do we ~~institute~~ ^{institute} a third party type program or one with direct

→ Estimate research by Wm Gleason at Columbia commissioned by UN, on "brain drain"

Round-trip - pattern of identity cards



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Western Hemisphere immigration policies?

- Ceiling 120,000. No country limitation, waiting period of 27 mos. No distinction as to reunification of families etc.

Reform of Western Hemisphere immigration policies - Problem of illegal aliens.

(There will be world wide ceiling as opposed to current Eastern/Western Hemisphere)

① 120,000, 20,000 country limitation - same as Eastern Hemisphere. ^(120,000)

② Special treatment as to Mexico/Canada (Kerry 35,000 for 5 yrs perhaps as a compromise solution) - difference of opinion between Tilburg and Rodino
Question of Cuban refugees/estimate 12,000 per yr. 35,000 more nearly approximates the no. of visas being issued now - (47,000 backlog at present)

On the preference section of both House & Senate, definition of refugee applies only to Eastern Hemisphere.

(House knocked down preference for Mexico/Canada) } World wide ceiling
Previously, Western Hemisphere was favored in the world } or open door

* Preferential system that emphasizes family reunion but does not ^{supplies} ~~not~~ ^{skills} ~~skills~~ =
Permitting of families

* Skills needed in this country (win over labor objections)

(Come in as a professional under Preference Act or as a relative)

One of the greatest problems faced from the point of view of the Church is the family.

Admission of Temporary Workers through H-2 certification program

H-2 certification by DOE may be done for temporary ~~work~~ jobs in nature only - should this be expanded to include ^{for jobs that are permanent in nature.}

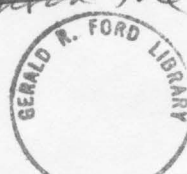
Apple picked in Connecticut ^{should not be allowed to come in}

Sugar cane pickers Jamaica in Florida ^{recruited}

Crop pickers in Texas / H-2 program ^{started the}

Illegal alien problem. Twin city plants/problem.

Twin city industries have not caused a problem.





I would like to respond to C _____ letter of April 6, 1975 regarding ~~former Presidential~~ ~~Adviser Fernando~~ Counsellor to the President Fernando C. De Baca's comments on the illegal alien problem. This is Mr _____'s second letter on the subject of illegal aliens and ~~the~~ ~~his~~ ~~I can't decide whether it is~~ his second ~~unintentionally~~ ~~conscious~~ ~~personal~~ attack on Mr. De Baca. ~~I can't attribute any total disrespect to the opinions of others during the busy time of Mr. _____~~ I can't decide whether ~~the~~ _____'s ~~unintentionally~~ ~~conscious~~ ~~personal~~ ~~attack~~ ~~or whether~~ ~~his~~ ~~obvious~~ ~~lack~~ ~~of~~ ~~knowledge~~ ~~about~~ ~~the~~ ~~illegal~~ ~~alien~~ ~~problem~~ ~~prompted~~ ~~me~~ ~~to~~ ~~write~~ ~~this~~ ~~letter~~. In any event, ~~I~~ I believe your ~~readers~~ ~~public~~ ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~given~~ ~~the~~ ~~opportunity~~ ~~to~~ ~~_____~~ ~~Mr. De Baca's~~ ~~views~~ ~~as~~ ~~well~~ ~~as~~ ~~those~~ ~~of~~ ~~Mr. _____~~ ~~and~~ ~~others~~, then to form their own ~~opinions~~ ~~based~~ ~~on~~ ~~these~~ ~~and~~ ~~draw~~ ~~their~~ ~~own~~ ~~conclusions~~ ~~on~~ ~~basis~~ ~~of~~ ~~all~~ ~~available~~ ~~information~~. Since ~~the~~ ~~news~~ ~~stories~~ ~~upon~~ ~~which~~ ~~Mr. De Baca's~~ ~~argument~~ ~~is~~ ~~based~~ ~~appeared~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Albany~~ ~~Argus~~ ~~Journal~~, I am ~~at~~ ~~a~~ ~~loss~~ ~~to~~ ~~form~~ ~~my~~ ~~own~~ ~~opinions~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~subject~~ ~~at~~ ~~least~~, to form my own opinion as to what ~~Mr. De Baca~~ Counsellor De Baca had to say. What surprises me even more is that you would print a letter ~~on~~ ~~subject~~ ~~that~~ ~~your~~ ~~readers~~ in response

to statements^{^ people} that your readers have not seen.

Albeit, it seems to me that ~~the~~^{can be} owes Mr. De Bree an apology not for ~~fact~~ the ~~expressing boldly~~^{bold expressions} of his views, ~~but that~~ on a timely subject, ~~but for~~ for that right is ~~guaranteed by the Constitution~~^{guaranteed by the Constitution} to all of us, ~~but for~~ by the Constitution, but for his ~~callous treatment~~^{callous and hasty tone} of his remarks. Thank God, that ~~we can disagree~~ in this country we can disagree with top government officials and advocate for our views. This right, however, carries with it the responsibility to respect the rights of others.

Frankly, I don't know if I agree with Mr. De Bree's views on illegal aliens. It is after all, an extremely complex and difficult problem and there are bound to be many views on the many facets of the problem. I know, however, I do not agree with Mr. — either with ~~his~~ respect to his extremist ~~position~~^{views} or ~~with his~~ on the illegal ^{alien} question or with respect to his ~~lack~~^{lack} of respect for the opinions of others.

Signed.

I feel compelled to respond to Mr. C-
letter to the editor of
as well as to his previous letter.

