

I was present and still remember his words, and I firmly believe that they hold the best promise for the solution to our present problem.

On that memorable occasion, he said:

"All Americans are really heirs of travelers who originally came here from far across the seas to cast their lot in this great country of ours. What we want now is for that tradition to be honored. We want Americans to travel. We want our friends from other lands to travel. We aren't trying to discourage travel any place—we never have. There have been some misconceptions in that regard. But we are trying to encourage more travel to see more of the wonders and the beauties of this vast and marvelous land of ours.

"And we feel in doing that we will not only build a better country and a better people, but we will also make great contributions to our own independence and to our own system."

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee, I appreciate this opportunity to appear before you and express the views of my industry and the American traveler.

May your decision be based upon a policy which opens wide the portals of our country so that our own people may travel freely abroad and the visitor find himself welcome.

EXHIBIT NO. 1

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES ABROAD BY U.S. RESIDENTS AND EXPENDITURES BY FOREIGN TRAVELERS IN THE UNITED STATES

(In millions of dollars)

	1960	1962	1964	1966	Increase 1960-66		
					Million dollars	Percent	Compound annual rate
Expenditures abroad by U.S. residents:							
Europe and Mediterranean.....	692	652	800	920	228	33.0	4.9
Other (excluding Western Hemisphere).....	84	126	124	160	76	90.5	11.3
Total (excluding Western Hemisphere).....	776	778	924	1,080	304	39.2	5.7
All foreign areas.....	1,750	1,939	2,211	2,657	907	41.0	5.9
Expenditures by foreign visitors in United States:							
From Europe and Mediterranean.....	90	105	170	215	125	139	15.6
Other (excluding Western Hemisphere).....	48	54	86	110	62	129	14.8
Total (excluding Western Hemisphere).....	138	159	256	325	187	135	15.3
All visitors.....	919	957	1,207	1,573	654	71	9.4

Source: Survey of Current Business, June 1967, pp. 14-16, and Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1967, p. 216.