

3. It will curtail travel generally.
4. It is administratively unfeasible.
5. We doubt it will accomplish its avowed purpose.
6. It will penalize the lower-income, less-sophisticated travelers.
7. Instead of a control, it is basically a new tax.
8. It could create retaliatory actions by other governments.
9. If effective, it would hurt our exchange of ideas and knowledge only possible through personal contact.
10. Administration costs, loss of spending revenue from advertising, purchase of airlines equipment, personnel stationed in this country, et cetera, makes it doubtful that we would actually gain in a great deal proportionately.

I would like to briefly elaborate on the foregoing 10 points. The right to travel is, in my opinion, a basic one and for the Government to use whatever reasons they may have to restrict this basic privilege of American citizens is wrong. It is wrong for any group to decide what areas to which they prefer our citizens to travel.

We believe this law, if passed, could very possibly damage an entire industry. It will effect not only the hundreds of thousands of travel agent employees, the investments of thousands of agency owners, but it will also affect correlated industries such as mass media, printers, carriers such as shiplines and airlines and their employees and their suppliers.

For years the travel industry has endeavored to make it easier for the average person to enjoy the benefits of travel and the broadening of knowledge that results from learning more about the world in which we live. Much of this effort will have been for naught if the proposed law is passed. In considering this legislation, it would seem only fair for you to decide whether or not one industry which has obviously done their job well should suffer for a situation that exists due to many other activities on the part of American business and Government.

It should further be noted that this law will not only restrict travel outside the Western Hemisphere but in all probability will mean that fewer Americans will travel anywhere.

I don't know how familiar you gentlemen are with the patterns and interests of the traveling public. We like to think we are, as it is our business to promote large movements of people on a continuing basis—what we call back-to-back charters. Simply, this means that each time we dispatch a plane load of tourists to a point that there is a plane load there to bring back. However, it is not quite as simple as just transporting tourists from one point to another. They must have adequate accommodations upon their arrival.

There are several popular tourist resort areas in the Western Hemisphere which might compare with the glamour of a European trip. These include Florida, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Mexico, and Hawaii. Already there is a tremendous shortage of first-class hotel accommodations in each of these areas.

For example, our company uses 500 rooms weekly in Honolulu, transporting over a thousand passengers. We could very easily transport another thousand passengers weekly if we get another 500 rooms. Unfortunately, these are unavailable to us.

If I may say, in our South American program we researched the area quite extensively and found that we could not get a great deal