

Whereas the Conference recognizes the importance of maintaining the immediate and long-term strength of the U.S. dollar, and

Whereas conference appreciates that while the measures relating to travel proposed by the Administration illustrates a seriousness of purpose, it deplors them as being contrary to the basic democratic right of freedom to travel, and moreover believes that the restrictive measures proposed will not, if adopted, contribute significantly to improving the balance of payments but may in fact produce a number of serious adverse economic effects among which Conference enumerates the following:

(a) Limiting the trade potential of many countries with the United States, leading to the undermining of free enterprise and possibly augmenting the demand for greater foreign aid.

(b) Imposition of similar restrictions on the travel of foreign nationals to the United States.

(c) Undermining the present world-wide confidence in the soundness of the U.S. dollar.

Conference therefore resolves to reaffirm the position of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Area Travel Association, who on January 19, 1968, through the Association's Executive Director, communicated to the President of the United States the belief that approaches other than those now under consideration by the Ways and Means Committee would be more effective in improving the balance of payments position; and

Accordingly recommends that the approaches should include those shown on Attachment No. 2, and

Further resolves to authorize the immediate initiation of programs by the Pacific Area Travel Association either independently or in cooperation with the United States Travel Service designed to increase travel to the United States, and identifies the specific measures to this end in Attachment No. 3, and

Further resolves that this Resolution be transmitted by the most expeditious means, as representing the overwhelming opinion of the nearly 800 delegates to the 17th Annual Conference of the Pacific Area Travel Association assembled in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China, February 12 through February 16, 1968, to The President of the United States of America, and to Mr. John M. Martin, Jr., Chief Counsel, Committee on Ways and Means, 1102 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, U.S.A., so as to be delivered prior to the close of business Wednesday, February 14, 1968, and

Further resolves that it be requested this Resolution be read into the record of the public hearings on the Administration's balance of payments proposals, and be given the same full consideration as though it had been presented in person.

ATTACHMENT NO. 1—GOVERNMENT AND CARRIER MEMBERS OF THE PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (35)

Alaska (State of) Travel Division	Mexican National Tourist Council
American Samoa Office of Tourism	Nepal Department of Tourism
Australian Tourist Commission	New Caledonia Office of Tourism
Cambodia, Kingdom of	New South Wales Dept. of Tourist Activities
Canadian Govt. Travel Bureau	New Zealand Tourist & Publicity Dept.
Ceylon Tourist Board	New Zealand Travel & Holidays Assn.
China (Republic of) Tourism Council	Papua & New Guinea Tourist Board
Fiji Visitors Bureau	Philippine Tourist & Travel Assn.
Guam Tourist Commission	Ryukyu Islands Trade & Industry Dept.
Hawaii Visitors Bureau	San Francisco (City of)
Hong Kong Tourist Association	Seattle (City of) Visitors Bureau
India Department of Tourism	Singapore Tourist Promotion Board
Indonesia National Tourist Organization	Tahiti Tourist Development Board
Japan National Tourist Organization	Thailand Tourist Organization
Japan Ministry of Transportation	United States Travel Service
Korea Tourist Service	Vietnam National Tourist Office
Macau Information & Tourism Center	Western Samoa Dept. of Economic Development
Malaysia Ministry of Commerce & Industry	