

Paragon has made our views heard with our local Congressman and Senators. I guess my not contacting you was a small goof; your letter addressed to me was not read but rather was left on my desk since I was in Ireland at the time.

Bob, I very much appreciate your very personal interest in our industry problem and I can assure you that your views are the correct ones. My recent 7-day visit to Ireland and the personal conversations that I had with many members of the Tourist, Hotel, and Sightseeing industry convinced me 100% that we have made the wrong type of impression as a result of President Johnson's speech.

Had a re-union dinner with Bill Keenan, Dick Tiernan, and Bob Aldrich at the Red Coach recently and would love to have you join us on a future get-together. (Usually a Saturday night)

Best personal regards,

JIM PENLER.

TRADEWINDS TRAVEL,
Providence, R.I., March 4, 1968.

HON. ROBERT O. TIERNAN,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR BOB: It is my understanding that the House Committee on Ways and Means is holding hearings on the President's recent proposals imposing certain travel restrictions on United States citizens.

Naturally, being in the travel business and having only recently expended a considerable sum on new office facilities, I am unalterably opposed to any travel restrictions. However, in addition to my personal feelings, I am convinced that such a move would have far-reaching repercussions in many areas that, in the end, would defeat the intent of the legislation. Literally thousands of Americans in the travel field, including the many allied services, would find their livelihood in jeopardy, and I think careful screening of facts by the Committee would find that foreign travel is not the prime cause of the problem.

Travel is indeed a luxury, and in light of the heavy war expenditures, I do believe that a 5% tax, similar to the one on domestic travel, would be in order and would not cripple our industry; however, restriction of any kind, I believe, is uncalled for and not in keeping with our American way of life.

I would certainly appreciate your cooperation in informing the Committee and the Congress of my feelings.

Sincerely yours,

D. L. GOFF, *President.*

PRICE TRAVEL SERVICE, INC.,
Providence, R.I., March 1, 1968.

MR. ROBERT O. TIERNAN,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. TIERNAN: We were very happy to receive your letter expressing your opposition to the President's proposal of taxing foreign travel.

Naturally, we are opposed to this unjust bill. But more than that, we are opposed to any method of taxation that would impose a hardship on the middle class of citizens who are constantly being taxed to the utmost on all sides. A travel tax would discriminate against the working man who saves and saves for a trip, and then is told he must travel like a pauper on barely enough money to exist. And any tax that reads as complicated as the proposed travel tax seems a bit ridiculous.

If travel is permitted in this hemisphere, what would stop people from leaving the country from Canada? They certainly could bring all sorts of money there, with no restriction. In our experience with travelers, we have found that the word "restriction" seems to affect our fellow citizens in a strange manner, much as the bull is affected by the red cape.

We hope you will do your best to fight this tax proposal, and appreciate your efforts to see justice served.

Very truly yours,

SHERMAN S. PRICE.