EVELYN SCHEYER TRAVEL SERVICE, INC.,
New York, N.Y., February 19, 1968.

MR. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
1102 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. MILLS: It is our urgent concern that the new legislation proposed by the President to tax travel, and the amount of money one spends outside of the country, be completely eliminated for several reasons:

(1) It is patently discriminatory, and a few people are being asked to bear the burden of many.

(2) It is an impossible law to enact, because of the extreme difficulty in the administration of it.

(3) Every American traveler will turn to devious means to avoid paying any taxes, including the easy one of traveling to Canada before leaving the United States.

(4) A tremendous burden will be put on the travel business, as well as the airlines and aircraft industry.

(5) It squelches what we believe to be an American birthright—free and unrestricted travel throughout the world.

We earnestly hope that your committee will not give the President this legislation which he has proposed, and that a more reasonable answer may be found to bring this country back to a stable economy.

Very cordially,

FRED DEL POZZO.

EVERGREEN TRAVEL SERVICE,
Lynwood, Wash., February 22, 1968.

Re proposed travel tax legislation.

MR. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Committee on Ways and Means,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. MILLS: We are opposed to the proposed travel tax legislation for the following reasons:

The Proposed legislature is discriminatory and unjust.

It is against the American principal of free and unrestricted movement.

It is short sighted expedient which will not solve any problems but rather create more serious ones in the future.

The livelihood of our 200,000 citizens is in danger.

The travel deficit has not been computed correctly. Not included on the PLUS side has been the money spent by foreign countries for aeroplanes, parts, advertising in this country, airport charges, communications and commissary expenses, by foreign tourist offices. Equally significant (and not included in the government report) the more than $127 million spent and earned by domestic airlines from passengers on connecting flights to foreign countries.

I am in favor of restricting or doing away with completely for the present time the $100.000 allowed exemption on merchandise brought into the United States from foreign countries, as well as the $10.00 daily gift allowance.

I propose that we do as Great Britain has done. Allow our clients to prepay in full for all hotels, meals, sightseeing, tips and airfare, and take only a small amount out of the country for spending money.

May I respectfully request that your committee carefully consider the damage that will be done to the travel agents throughout the country. This proposal will deliberately put out of business many companies.

Sincerely,

BETTY J. HOFFMAN,
Owner-Manager.

FUN TRAVEL SERVICE,
Puyallup, Wash., February 15, 1968.

MR. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: With reference to the proposed legislation concerning (1) a permanent tax on International air transportation and certain International water