

annual holidays of this caliber already is contributing taxes at the 50% level, or higher—further taxing already taxed dollars to the extent proposed can only be classified as a new 20th century form of SLAVERY. I am ashamed to think our Head of State to be such an introvert as to propose to our Congress legislation which can bring nothing but disaster to the American people.

Further cancellations continue to be made in person and by telephone. New business is at a complete standstill.

Rather than promote further failure by our Administration and Treasury Department's inability to cope with the imbalance problem, it is this writer's opinion that immediate and constructive action should be taken to promote travel within the United States by foreign nationals by decreasing red-tape in their obtaining temporary tourist visas or tourist cards for travel within the U.S.A., by promoting a positive program to attract citizens of those countries who presently do have the monetary ability to visit the United States but who do not have the desire to come to know us because the promotion of our own national product abroad is lacking. It is my understanding that during the year 1967 the Province of British Columbia, Canada, spent in excess of one million dollars in the promotion of tourism to that Province alone from points within the seven western states, whereas during the same period the entire budget for the Visit U.S.A. program spread among the ENTIRE WORLD was only slightly in excess of this one Canadian Province in its promotional efforts directed to one sectional area alone of the United States. How can we hope to maintain cordial relations with the rest of the world without the assistance of Congress and our Chief of State? Let us continue together in positive actions to bring our nation in tune with the rest of the world, and not regress to a negative path of action.

Yours sincerely,

GELSTON C JUDAH, *President.*

HOLIDAY TRAVEL SERVICE, INC.,
Evansville, Ind., February 17, 1968.

Mr. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. MILLS: I would like this to be considered a formal request to you and your committee to oppose the Travel Tax request from Mr. Fowler of the U.S. Treasury Department.

As a spokesman for a suffering, under-paid industry, I feel as though you and your committee have not been told the truth about the deficit in the balance of international payment and spending.

I have taken numerous trips abroad. I have talked with hundreds of others who have taken trips abroad. Not in one single case have any of us been asked, by any government, including our own, "how much money did you spend on your trip". Without this information, who can give an accurate figure on the deficit in travel spending? Instead, they, the Treasury Department, seemingly "reaches into the hat and pulls out any convenient figure to match or meet their needs".

I for one, feel as though this proposed Travel Tax will make our friends to the north (Canada) one of the most prosperous nations in the world, if this tax is passed. We will see a mass exodus to nearby Canadian cities, where our people will purchase their travel requirements without tax. Then what have we as a nation gained?

Please, please, please, do not pass this Travel Tax. Nor use it as an appeasement to our President for other tax measures he asked for and was not granted.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. WILLIAMS, *President.*

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AGENCY,
Mount Clemens, Mich., February 17, 1968.

Mr. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. MILLS: As just a small independent businessman and Travel Agent I would like to protest legislation that is under consideration by your committee. This legislation which would impose a graduated tax on expenditures in con-