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Mr. David A. Robertson,

Secretary to the President,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Robertson:

In absence of Miss Abbott from the City, we beg to acknowledge your letter and enclosure of September 29th. Though the situation indicated in the letter from Germany may be suspicious, there is of course no proof in the letter only, that the business is illegitimate. Could Prof. Beck be located, we should be very glad to investigate the case and take any action that might then be possible. We assume that you have already replied to the letter. We appreciate your sending it to us and shall be glad to keep it on file for future reference.

Very truly yours,

Adena Millers

IMMIGRANTS' PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.
Chicago, September 29, 1913

Dear Miss Abbott:

The business to which the enclosed letter refers may be entirely reputable, except in so far as it conflicts with our Contract Labour Law.

We have no member of our staff by the name of Beck. At the University of Illinois there is a Frank Christain Becht, who has taught in the University of Chicago during the Summer Quarters. This Mr Becht is entirely reputable. I am bringing this letter to your attention, however, because it may interest you now or at some future time. As the one with the largest body of facts concerning situations of this sort, you may find already existant certain facts which will explain this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the President

D.A.R.-D.
Miss Grace Abbott
Immigrants Protective League
743 Plymouth Court
January 14, 1914.

Dear Sir:

We beg to enclose herewith a press-sheet on the subject of immigration which we are now issuing, containing, among other things, the views of President Wilson on the subject, as expressed in an address at a meeting of editors and journalists, held under the auspices of this Committee.

As you are no doubt aware, a bill to restrict immigration by means of a literacy test is now before Congress, Mr. Burnett of Alabama, having introduced a bill providing for the exclusion of those immigrants who cannot read. In this connection, we would be indebted if you would be good enough to favor us with your views on the following questions:

1. Are you opposed to a liberal immigration policy?
2. Do you believe that a reading test is a fair measure for determining the desirability of an immigrant?
3. Do you believe that immigrants fleeing from religious and political persecution should be subjected to a literacy test, should such a test be enacted?

Assuring you that we will appreciate the courtesy of a reply to these questions, at your convenience, we beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

THE FOREIGN PRESS COMMITTEE

Harry Pratt Judson, LL. D.,
President, University of Chicago,
Chicago, ILL.
January 16, 1914

Dear Sir:

We beg to enclose herewith a press-sheet on the subject of immigration which we are now sending. Containing some other

fringe, the views of President Wilson on the subject, as expressed
in an address at a meeting of editors and correspondents, held under
the auspices of this Committee.

As you are no doubt aware, a bill to restrict immigration

meant to be a measure of a necessary test of that principle, and if adopted, paying

effectively prevent immigration that is not desirable. In the discussion, we would
be interested if you would be good enough to favor us with your views

on the following questions:

1. Are you opposed to a liberal immigration policy?

2. Do you believe that a reading test is a fair measure for
determining the eligibility of an immigrant?

3. Do you believe that immigrants should be subjected to a literacy test
and political or sectarian should be excluded?

4. Are you willing that we will supplement the courtesy of a reply

to these discussions of your convenience we beg to remember

Very Respectfully yours,

The Foreign Press Committee

[Names and titles]
Chicago, January 16, 1914.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 14th inst. is at hand. It has never seemed to me advisable to establish a literacy test for immigrants, because in my opinion literacy is not always an adequate test of quality. If we can establish a test which will exclude those who are really undesirable, that is, who are unlikely to make intelligent, industrious and law-abiding citizens, such test I should approve. I do not believe that the literacy test conforms to that condition.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. — L.

Secretary, The Foreign Press Committee,
356 Second Ave., New York City.
Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant has been received. I have never seen any application to satisfy my interest in protecting the frontiers of the United States.

I trust that a satisfactory arrangement will be made, and the necessary bona fide measures taken to make intelligent immigration and law-abiding citizens. And I am of the opinion that the interest of the country will be best served by such means.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

H. P. M.

Secretary, The Foreign Trade Committee
252 Second Ave., New York City
Chicago, December 13, 1916

Hon. James R. Mann  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I understand that in the Immigration Bill now pending in Congress there is proposed a clause preventing the immigration of natives from India. I do not know just what form the clause in question has, but I hope it may not be so drafted as to prevent the coming of Hindoo students to this country. I understand that the intent of the bill relates merely to labor conditions, but am hoping that by no inadvertence there may be any such provision as to exclude bona fide students. We have had some in the University of Chicago, and I know there are others in other institutions in this city, who are entirely worthy, and most of whom go back to their own country with the education secured here.

H. P. J. - L.

Very truly yours,
October 15, 1916

Mr. James K. Mann
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I understand that in the Immigration Bill now pending in Congress there is to be proposed a clause preventing the immigration of natives from India. I do not know what was the clause in question, but I hope it may not go so far as to prevent the coming of Hindus to this country. I understand that the Interior Department was told by the railway companies that there were no Hindoos in the United States, and I know of an immigration from India who are entirely in the universities of Chicago and I know there are others in other institutions in this city who are entirely worthy and most of whom we feel proud to speak of and associate with.

Very truly yours,

H. L. J. P.
December 15, 1916.

President Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Judson:--

Referring to your letter, I hardly think that the immigration bill will exclude bona fide students in any case. It certainly ought not to. I have not yet examined to see what the Senate inserted in the bill, but the bill as it passed the House did not exclude students and I do not apprehend that it will be changed in this matter in conference.

Yours very truly,

James R. Mann
December 16, 1916

President, University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Judson:

Referring to your letter I hereby

regard the immigration bill will exclude non-white students
in any case. If certain of you have not yet
examine to see what the Senate intends to the bill, put
the bill in the House and not exclusive students
and I do not suppose that it will be passed in this matter
in Congress.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Chicago, December 21, 1916

My dear Mr. Mann:

Thanks for your favor of the 15th inst. with regard to the immigration bill. I am sending enclosed a letter from Professor Coulter of the University who is interested particularly in the question because a number of students from India are coming to do graduate work in our Department of Botany, of which Mr. Coulter is the Head. His information on the matter is entirely accurate, and I am putting it in your hands for your personal knowledge.

Very truly yours,

E.P.J. - L.

Hon. James R. Mann
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
My dear Mr. Hanna:

Thank you for your letter of the 15th.

Referring to the first letter I have written regarding the appointment of a Professor of the University, who is interested in the question of the raising of a number of students from India who come to work in the Department of Botany at the University.

Now, in order to avoid any misunderstanding as to the matter in question, may I say that I am writing this in your behalf, as you requested.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Mr. James Hanna

United States House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.