Oct. 29, 1965

Dear Sir,

I am writing you to ask what you think about the Cuban situation.

I can't feel it is right to bring so many Cubans in here. It will create a big employment problem and looks to me like it will take a lot of jobs from our own people. If they don't take jobs our own people need, they will have to be taken care of which will be very expensive to the government.

Also, how will Mexico feel about this as we stopped them from coming in for their regular summer jobs in beet fields, lettuce, onions, strawberries, etc? Will it make for a very good feeling to shut them
out to give employment to our own people, then let all the Cubans come in who wish to? It doesn't look like a very good neighbor policy to me.

I think too, there will be grave danger of a lot of spies being sent over who will report back to Cuba.

This looks like such a grave mistake to me, but of course I don't understand it all so am asking you to write and explain it to me, also tell me your views on this situation. To me it looks bad and know it does to a great many others too.

Thank you

Sincerely

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Dighton, Kansas, 67839
Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for your letter of October 29 concerning the immigration of Cuban nationals.

I am sure many U. S. citizens share the same apprehension you have expressed over permitting these large numbers of Cubans to enter our country, particularly when there is no sure way of knowing whether we may be admitting sizable numbers of enemy agents in so doing. I have visited with various government parties on this question and actually, no one seems to have the answer to any of these questions. It is estimated that before the present immigration is concluded, between 30,000 and 50,000 will have been admitted and, of course, most of these immediately become the responsibility of American taxpayers as far as their support is concerned.

The problem is particularly acute for the state of Florida and its larger cities such as Miami, for I am told local relief authorities are burdened with the task of trying to find food and shelter for nearly all of these people when there is no shelter available for them. Efforts are being made to distribute these people throughout the United States where employment may be found for them, but I am told that eventually they drift back to Florida for some unexplainable reason.

It seems to me that Castro stands to gain more than anyone from this movement, for he is not only getting rid of people who are most dangerous to the future of his regime, but it affords him an opportunity also to plant agents on our soil even though our Immigration and Naturalization Service is said to be screening all those entering as thoroughly as possible. It would appear that Uncle Sam is once again being the sucker.

Do continue to give me the benefit of your views, and when I may be of assistance, do let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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