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FRIENDS OF IMMIGRANTS

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those that bless you, and him who curses you, I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.” Genesis 12:1-3 [Holy Bible]. 2000 BC.

They also took their cattle and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him. Genesis 46:6 [Holy Bible]. 1630 BC.

Then the Lord said, “I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey...” Exodus 3:7-8 [Holy Bible]. 1200 BC.

The time that the people of Israel dwelt in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:40-41 [Holy Bible]. 1200 BC.

Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. Joshua 1:2-3 [Holy Bible]. 1160 BC.

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ... But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. Matthew 2:13-14,19-21 [Holy Bible]. 3 AD.

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 [Holy Bible]. 30 AD.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain

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unalienable rights, that among these include life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed... Thomas Jefferson et al. Declaration of Independence. July 4, 1776.

... the natural right which all men have of relinquishing the country in which birth or other accident may have thrown them, and seeking subsistence and happiness wheresoever they may be, and hope to find them. Thomas Jefferson. 1776.

China is the richest country in the world, without any other. ... When we are assured that China is the most fertile country in the world; that almost all of the land is in tillage; and that a great part of it bears two crops per year; and further, that the people live very frugally, we may infer with certainty, that the population must be immense. ... And not to dwell on remote instances, the European settlements in the new world bear ample testimony to the truth of a remark which, indeed, has never, that I know of, been doubted. A plenty of rich land, to be had for little or nothing, is so powerful a cause of population, as to overcome all other obstacles. ...the happiness of the Americans, depended much less upon their peculiar degree of civilization, than upon the peculiarity of their situation, as new colonies, upon their having a great plenty of fertile uncultivated land. Thomas Robert Malthus. *An Essay on Population*. June 7, 1798.

I cannot omit recommending a revision of the laws on the subject of naturalization. Considering the ordinary chances of human life, a denial of citizenship under a residence of fourteen years is a denial to a great

proportion of those who ask it... And shall we refuse the unhappy fugitives from distress that hospitality which the savages of the wilderness extended to our fathers arriving in this land? Shall oppressed humanity find no asylum on this globe? Thomas Jefferson. State of the Union. December 8, 1801.

The aboriginal inhabitants of these countries [American natives] I have regarded with the commiseration their history inspires. Endowed with the faculties and the rights of men, breathing an ardent love of liberty and independence, and occupying a country which left them no desire but to be undisturbed, the stream of overflowing population from other regions directed itself on these shores; without power to divert, or habits to contend against, they have been overwhelmed by the current, or driven before it; now reduced within limits too narrow for the hunter's state, humanity enjoins us to teach them agriculture and... to encourage them to that industry which alone can enable them to maintain their place in existence. ...they are combated by the habits of their bodies, prejudice of their minds, ignorance, pride, and the influence of interested and crafty individuals among them, who feel themselves something in the present order of things, and nothing in any other. ...in short, my friends, among them is seen the action and counteraction of good sense and bigotry. Thomas Jefferson. Second Inaugural Address. March 4, 1805.

The system of passports has become much more rigid and vexatious during the last half-century. The only civilized countries in which passports are not required are the British Isles and the United States. *Penny Cyclopaedia*. 1840.

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The earth does not belong to us - we belong to the earth. Chief Seattle, 1854.

I am not a Know-Nothing [anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic party member]... As a nation we began by declaring that “all men are created equal.” We now practically read it “all men are created equal, except negroes.” When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read “all men are created equal, except negroes, and foreigners, and catholics.” When it comes to this I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretence of loving liberty - to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy. Abraham Lincoln. Letter to Joshua Speed. August 24, 1855.

In regard to the Germans and foreigners, I esteem them to be no better than any other people, nor any worse... Inasmuch as our country is extensive and new, and the countries of Europe are densely populated, if there are any abroad who desire to make this the land of their adoption, it is not in my heart to throw aught [anything] in their way, to prevent them from coming to the United States. Abraham Lincoln. Speech to Germans in Ohio. February 12, 1861.

What is a “sovereignty,” in the political sense of the term? Would it be far wrong to define it “A political community, without a political superior?”... Whatever concerns the whole, should be confided to the whole - to the general government; while, whatever concerns only the State, should be left exclusively, to the State. ...it is a struggle for maintaining in the world, that form, and substance of government, whose leading object is, to elevate the condition of men - to lift artificial weights from all shoulders - to

clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all - to afford all, an unfettered start, and a fair chance in the race of life. Abraham Lincoln. Special Session of Congress. July 4, 1861.

The earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon the earth. Chief Joseph, Nez Perce Indian reservation, Idaho, 1877.

We have no right to keep these struggling millions out from our fertile fields and broad prairies. Richmond Mayo-Smith. *Emigration and Immigration*. 1890.

I am eager to express to [Garry] Davis my recognition of the sacrifice he has made for the well-being of humanity. In voluntarily giving up his citizenship rights he has made himself a ‘displaced person’ in order to fight for the natural rights of those who are the mute evidences of the low moral levels of our time. Telegram from Albert Einstein, 1948.

Article 13. (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement within the borders of each state. (2) Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 14. (1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution. (2) This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 15. (1) Everyone has a right to a nationality. (2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality. **United Nations General Assembly. Universal Declaration of Human Rights.** December 10, 1948.

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We do not need to be protected against immigrants from these countries - on the contrary we want to stretch out a helping hand... In no other realm of our national life are we so hampered and stultified by the dead hand of the past as we are in this field of immigration. Harry S. Truman. Veto of National Origins Quotas. June 25, 1952.

It is certain that Asian governments deeply resent the immigration policies of Western nations... The resentment, however, stems more from insult and outrage than from any real desire to send out hordes of migrants... The United States took the lead in the restriction of immigration with the 1917 literacy test and the Quota Act of 1924... Cultural snobbery, economic fears, and general timidity have prevented underpopulated nations from throwing open wide their gates to all who would come... Overcrowding, never pleasant, becomes the more difficult to bear if there are large, empty spaces nearby labelled "no admittance." K. & A.F.K. Organski. *Population and World Power*. 1961.

Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue. Barry Goldwater. Republican National Convention. 1964.

Not too long ago two friends of mine were talking to a Cuban refugee. He was a businessman who had escaped from Castro. In the midst of his tale of horrible experiences, one of my friends turned to the other and said, "We don't know how lucky we are." The Cuban stopped and said, "How lucky you are? I had some place to escape to." And in that sentence he told the entire story. If freedom is lost here there is no place

to escape to. Ronald Reagan. National television address. October 27, 1964.

Our age has been called the space age, but I would like to call it the age of the people. Revolutionaries, liberators, and political leaders have always talked of the people, but for the first time now, "we the people" does not mean a few representing the many, but the masses themselves, each of whom is poignantly conscious of his individuality, each one of whom is seeking to assert his rights and to voice his demands. Indira Gandhi. United Nations General Assembly. October 14, 1968.

We are gathered here under the aegis of the United Nations. We are supposed to belong to the same family sharing common traits and impelled by the same basic desires, yet we inhabit a divided world. How can it be otherwise? There is still no recognition of the equality of man or respect for him as an individual. In matters of colour and race, religion and custom, society is governed by prejudice. Indira Gandhi. United Nations Conference, Stockholm. June 14, 1972.

Thus, we may face a great coalition of the lands of would-be emigrants standing in opposition to the lands that erect barricades to shut out would-be immigrants. ... Without the reestablishment of freedom of immigration throughout the world, there can be no lasting peace. Ludwig von Mises. *The Clash of Group Interests*. 1978.

If you want me to release ten million Chinese to come to the United States, I'll be glad to do that. Deng Xiaoping. Private statement to Jimmy Carter. Washington, DC. 1979.

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Can we doubt that only a Divine Providence placed this land, this island of freedom, here as a refuge for all those people in the world who yearn to breathe free? Jews and Christians enduring persecution behind the Iron Curtain, the boat people of Southeast Asia, Cuba, and of Haiti, the victims of drought and famine in Africa, the freedom fighters in Afghanistan,... Ronald Reagan. Republican National Convention. July 17, 1980.

But there remain armed guards and checkpoints all the same – still a restriction on the right to travel, still an instrument to impose upon ordinary men and women the will of a totalitarian state. ...Tear down this wall. Ronald Reagan. Berlin, Germany. June 12, 1987.

I got a letter from a man the other day, and I'll share it with you. This man said you can go to live in Turkey, but you can't become a Turk. You can go to live in Japan, but you cannot become Japanese - or Germany or France - and named all the others. But he said anyone from any corner of the world can come to America and become an American. Ronald Reagan, January 20, 1988.

Why ... not insist that all positions (jobs) in every society be open to any qualified person, regardless of international borders or the nationality of the applicant? Frederick G. Whelan. *Open Borders? Closed Societies?* 1988.

Since becoming president, they took away my ordinary passport but didn't give me anything in return. So this [World Passport] is my first passport as president. It is a most

precious document. Vaclav Havel, President of Czechoslovakia. 1989.

Entering the United States is always connected with paperwork. Lufthansa Airlines. Standard in-flight announcement. May 17, 1991.

In the years since becoming a "stateless" person, I've consistently - and dramatically - asserted the human right to travel freely as a citizen of the world. At countless borders, I have presented my own documents and explained my status as a World Citizen. I've challenged the authority of national governments, sometimes with remarkable results. Of course, I have seen the inside of many jails along the way, simply because I don't have a passport issued by a national government. On the other hand, many countries have admitted me not merely as a visitor but as an honored guest. Many other World Citizens have had similar experiences. Garry Davis. *Passport to Freedom*. 1992.

We welcome all refugees to our country and condemn the efforts of U.S. officials to create a new "Berlin Wall" which would keep them captive. Libertarian Party (USA). Party Platform. 1992.

The day will come when there will be no borders. Carlos Santana. Concert in Mexico City. May 22, 1993.

The world will become one in 100 years. Young-Chul Jung. Des Moines, Iowa. August 8, 1993.

We can't build a wall around America. Bob Dole. Regarding North American Free Trade. August 22, 1993.

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Should it be legal for people to travel or move into and out of the U.S. without limitation? ... Yes. All individuals have the same rights, regardless of where they were born or where they live now. Anyone willing to take responsibility for himself or herself has the right to travel and seek opportunity, including across international borders. America has always benefitted from immigrants who arrive with nothing, work hard, start businesses, become educated and improve America's economy. David Bergland. *Libertarianism in One Lesson*. 1993.

As we become citizens of the world, it seems to me wrong that we should put up new borders, and reduce ourselves to a smaller geographic entity. Daniel Johnson. Swearing in as Quebec Premier. January 11, 1994.

In many countries it is difficult for foreigners to obtain a work permit. It is often even more difficult for Americans to do so because of reciprocity rules in many countries. The U.S. is one of the most difficult places in the world to obtain a work permit, so foreign countries retaliate against American executives. Adam Starchild. *How to Legally Obtain a Second Citizenship*. 1995.

The problem in the past was that there was no place to deport them to. Gypsies were often refused re-entry to their own countries... One of the reasons Gypsies wind up with no place to go is that they destroy their passports or identity cards... They declare themselves homeless, and hope that the German authorities ... won't be able to return them to a place that doesn't exist. Or they hope, at least, that before they are sorted out and put back on that eastbound bus they will have

some months in the "West." Isabel Fonseca. *Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies and Their Journey*. 1996.

Issues before the United Nations ... are issues that carry no passports. ... Yet the public is still thinking in local terms; it is still constrained by boundaries. Secretary General Kofi Annan. 1997.

Certainly the twenty-first century will be the era of the international worker. ... Americans have the idea that they can get off the plane with a tourist visa in Frankfurt, Tokyo, or London and find work in the classified ads as easily as they would in Chicago or New York. Arthur H. Bell. *Great Jobs Abroad*. 1997.

We recognize that we need more people to contribute to our vision for an intelligent city, a city for the future [Singapore] ... We discovered that societies that are open remain innovative and move on... Economies today are borderless; people go wherever their life phase takes them. Heng-Chee Chan, ambassador from Singapore. 1997.

I have a right to travel anywhere I want. Aung San Su Kyi, pro-democracy leader, Burma, August 17, 1998.

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The right to exclude or to expel all aliens, or any class of aliens, absolutely or upon certain conditions, in war or in peace, is an inherent and inalienable right of every sovereign and independent nation... U.S. Supreme Court. *Fong Yue Ting vs United States*. 1893.