

Immigration Study Asked by President

Eisenhower Cites Many Complaints on McCarran Act

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—President Eisenhower has asked Congress to re-examine the country's immigration policy "with a view to achieving legislation which would be fair and just to all."

He told the Senate that he has received a great many complaints that the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, passed after a furious Senate fight last year, contains "many serious and inequitable restrictions."

The President's position was made public today by Sen. Watkins (R) Utah, chairman of a Judiciary Committee on Immigration.

Letter Released

Watkins released an April 6 letter from Gen. Eisenhower which indicated the President favors a fundamental revision of the McCarran-Walter Act. The letter said in part:

"While I recognize that the act contains some provisions which represent a liberalizing influence in the field of immigration law and that a fundamental revision of a statute cannot be approached without searching analysis, I suggest that a study of the operation of many of the administrative provisions of the immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 should be immediately undertaken, with an invitation to all concerned to testify regarding the provisions of which they complain."

Gen. Eisenhower cited 10 basic complaints which have been made against the McCarran-Walter Act.

One of them objected to provisions which permit foreign countries to mortgage their quotas in advance, with the result that immigration from some of them will be cut off for many future years.