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NEW YORK ASSOCIATION for NEW AMERICANS, INC.  
Memorandum

TO: Albert Comanor                      DATE        July 7, 1950

FROM: Louis L. Bennett                      SUBJECT    Agency Assurances

Attached is our statement on agency  
assurances together with the conditions that apply  
to the issuance thereof.

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Conditions to Apply on Issuance by NYANA of Additional Agency Community Assurances

Having been requested by USNA to issue 3,000 additional agency community assurances and having conferred with USNA and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds concerning immigration estimates and having reached agreement on certain statistics, principles and conditions, NYANA herewith sets forth the factors on which are based its issuance of additional assurances and the conditions which apply to these assurances.

1. There will be a total Jewish immigration into the United States in the years 1949-1951 of 88,444 individuals representing Displaced Persons Act arrivals, regular quota immigrants and immigrants arriving on temporary visas or otherwise.

2. The principle upon which the request for 3,000 assurances is made is that New York City would receive 50% of all Jewish immigrants coming into the United States in the period 1949-1951. This principle was decided upon at a joint meeting held on June 26, 1950, between USNA, NYANA and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

3. Without reference to any additional agency community assurances, New York City will have received 38,952, and other communities 29,992, immigrants during the period 1949-1951.

4. To assure immigration for the total number of 88,444 persons during the period 1949-1951, of whom no more than 50% would remain in New York, it is necessary for New York to increase its quota by 5,270 persons.

5. Similarly, it is necessary for other communities to increase their quotas by 14,230 persons.

6. On the basis of a ratio of 2.1 persons per community assurance, New York (NYANA) will be required therefore to issue 2,500 additional assurances, and the rest of the country 6,770 additional assurances. To allow for shrinkage, these figures are increased by 20% roughly so that New York City (NYANA) will be required to furnish 3,000 additional agency community assurances and the rest of the country 8,000 additional agency community assurances.

7. Various other factors regarding estimates of total Jewish immigration for the period 1949-1951, estimates of losses on assurances, an estimate of the proportion of individual assurance cases and TV's remaining in New York and related figures contained in a memorandum dated July 7, 1950, serve as the basis on which total Jewish immigration into the United States during this period is predicated and assurances from New York (NYANA) and other communities are issued. It is understood that if any of the figures on the basis of which these determinations are predicated prove to be in error, appropriate and automatic adjustments will be made, bearing in mind at all times the underlying principle that no more than 50% of Jewish immigrants during the period 1949-1951 should be charged against New York.

8. Communities outside of New York will issue a total of 8,000 community assurances over and above assurances they have already issued, amounting as of April 30, 1950, to 6,472. NYANA will issue 3,000 community assurances over and above the number previously issued.

9. Use shall be made of the NYANA assurances in such manner as to assure adherence to the formula of 50% of total Jewish immigration to New York for the period 1949-1951. USNA will exercise care to introduce into the pipeline only such proportions of New York agency assurances as against assurances of other communities as will effectuate this purpose. This shall apply not only to new assurances now being given by NYANA and other communities but also to unused NYANA and other assurances heretofore given.

10. USNA shall apply the same principle with regard to the issuance of public charge bonds for immigrants destined to New York as applies to immigrants destined to all other communities. Thus USNA shall not, except with prior approval by NYANA, issue any bonds for "hard core" cases, or otherwise send "hard core" cases to New York.

11. USNA, in applying New York (NYANA) agency community assurances, will exercise appropriate caution to see that they will not be so applied as to exceed the 50% New York quota referred to herein. It is understood that NYANA will not be bound by any excess above this figure.

12. The New York (NYANA) commitment contained herein is conditioned upon approval by the United Jewish Appeal and agreement from that organization to finance such additional Jewish immigration into New York as is called for by the issuance of these additional agency community assurances.

13. Copies of this statement shall be furnished to the United Jewish Appeal and its constituent agencies and to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.