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Dear Bill:

Thanks very much for sending me your article, "Population, Immigration, and a Believable Future." I liked your lottery analogy, and you had some other good phrases: "self-congratulatory fanfare;" "wrong-way Robin Hood;" and the "world's richest pirate." I was also glad to see mention of the Earned Income Tax Credit on which Roy Beck has been working for some time.

On the top of page 290, the first full paragraph, you state, "*every* immigrant, like every other person brings precious potential." I'm encouraging people to get away from such hyperbole. Does your statement apply to Sirhan Sirhan; to the Mafia; to the type of criminals we describe in Chapter 4 of *The Immigration Invasion*? If we're going to attribute the good that is in America to immigration, then we must attribute the bad as well.

I sent a copy of your paper on to a cleric who is trying to put together a television program for church people. I think your heavy emphasis on ethics and morality will be helpful to him.

On the point of hyperbole, on page 293, second to the last paragraph, you state that the United States would "be enriched by immigrants by all ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds." Does the addition of Santeria and voodoo help things out? How about a larger Muslim population, with all the conflict that applies for some of our values, and with our Jewish population? And what about the general proposition of just having a more highly variegated populace — where is the core that holds the whole thing together? This concept needs a lot of work.

Cordially,

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P.S. Professor Myron Weiner of MIT has done a book on the ethics of migration. I enclose the table of contents. It is scheduled for publication from the publisher about mid May.