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Evaluating Sources

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"This bill that we will sign today ... is still one of the most important acts of this Congress and of this administration. For it does repair a very deep and painful flaw in the fabric of American justice. It corrects a cruel and enduring wrong in the conduct of the American Nation...

...the immigration policy of the United States has been twisted and has been distorted by the harsh injustice of the national origins quota system.

Over my shoulders here you can see Ellis Island, whose vacant corridors echo today the joyous sound of long ago voices. And today we can all believe that the lamp of this grand old lady is brighter today—and the golden door that she guards gleams more brilliantly in the light of an increased liberty for the people from all the countries of the globe."

Source: President Lyndon B. Johnson's Remarks at the Signing of the Immigration Bill. (Liberty Island, New York), October 3, 1965

Document 1 Questions:

- a. Who is the author for Doc 1 - does he have authority to speak on the topic of immigration?

- b. What is the historical context?

- c. What is the author's major argument - what will the Immigration Act accomplish?