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Dear ...:

I have always followed the basic thesis that a congressional or administrative investigation should be as objective in character as possible. This should be the guiding principle in the case of current investigations of subversive activities in government and the committees should have constantly in mind that the investigations are important only in their bearing upon the national security, the preservation of a free system in the United States and the cleansing of the federal government of any and all persons whose ideology is not consonant with our system.

Speaking for myself, I shall endeavor to be as objective as possible with respect to the cases which are presently engaging the attention of both government officials and the public.

I might add that wherever there is good reason to believe that a subversive viewpoint has been a determining factor in shaping domestic or foreign policy, such a case should be pursued with genuine vigor.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen