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Dear ...:

Since the sharp rise in coffee prices three or four lines of investigation have been instituted through various agencies of government and all of them have disclosed two factors which have an important bearing on the problem.

The first is that coffee production in the heavy producing areas like Brazil has not kept pace with demand and that frost damage has aggravated the problem.

It appears also that American demand for choice grades of coffee has left a very substantial supply of inferior grades exported from production areas but for reasons unknown to me other than our insistence on high quality, the inferior grades are not brought to the United States.

I am confident that every aspect of the matter will be thoroughly explored.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen