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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

March ..., 1954

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Dear ...:

The work of the McCarthy Committee is, in my opinion, one of the most important functions of the Senate. Publicly and privately I have asserted over and over again that the business of ferreting out Communism and Communists, subversion and disloyalty, corruption and inefficiency, involves the survival of our free system and this important work must continue.

If, however, it appears that for one reason or another the committee is forfeiting the confidence of a very substantial segment of the people, such a lack of confidence will impair the effectiveness of the committee's work and it becomes the duty of the members to re-examine its procedures, re-appraise its personnel and survey its operations to determine where the fault lies.

This I intend to do insofar as it is my responsibility, and to do it without passion or emotionalism. It would be tragic if the work of so important a standing committee of the Senate were permitted to languish or fall into disrepute or to continue as a target of constant and unending criticism. I firmly believe that the usefulness and credibility of this committee can be and must be preserved and I shall do my utmost toward the achievement of these ends.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen

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Dear ..:

In view of the fact that a special counsel has been appointed to conduct the hearing on all aspects of the issue which developed between the staff of the Committee on Permanent Investigations and the Department of the Army, I am certain that the matter will be thoroughly ventilated and that the work of the committee will go forward in an orderly and objective fashion. I appreciate your communication and your interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen