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United States Senate
Minority Leader

ROBO: MC CLELLAN LABOR BILL S. 1387
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Dear ...:

Thank you for your comments urging approval of S. 1387, the so-called McClellan Labor Bill.

As you know, I serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare and I can testify to the difficulties we have encountered in trying to adopt the President's recommendations in this field.

In a Committee such as the Senate Labor Committee, where the party ratio is ten to five, perhaps we could not hope for too much in effecting changes in the Kennedy-Ervin Bill.

Except for technical amendments which are merely perfecting in nature, we could not secure approval of other amendments dealing with so-called blackmail picketing, secondary boycotts, and other important matters.

Since the McClellan Bill is considered to be even more restrictive than the Administration's proposal, I must confess that I am not too optimistic about its chances for approval by the Committee or the Senate as a whole.

Nevertheless, a determined effort will be made on the Senate floor to enact legislation in this field that will contain some teeth to make it really effective.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen