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United States Senate
Minority Leader

Budget and Economy

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Dear :

I appreciate your concern over the budget and spending policies of the incumbent administration. I have and shall continue to call attention to the fact that our combined expenditure and trust fund budget now exceeds \$100 billion annually and that the time has come for the Congress to freely wield the scalpel in trimming fat from every budget item.

More important, however, is the necessity for opposing measures which are constantly advanced to expand federal functions and federal spending for which there is no clear or immediate need. If the international fevers are as menacing as is contended, then it is high time that every nonessential function and expenditure be restricted in the interest of our national security.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen