

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Illinois

United States Senate
Minority Leader



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Mrs. Edna Olson
U. S. Courthouse
Room 377
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Edna:

John asked me to write you regarding your letter of January 20th concerning a raise in salary for Hearing Examiners in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

So far as John or I know, the Senator has not considered the specific problem of an increase in compensation to social security administration hearing examiners.

However, I do know from legislation which the Senator introduced in the last session and the statements he has made in hearings, that he favors legislation increasing the duties, responsibilities, and independence of all hearing examiners. If such legislation should pass, it would assist hearing examiners in justifying an increase in compensation by adding new duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely,


Cornelius E. Kennedy