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United States Senate
Minority Leader

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January 31, 1961

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Dear:

I esteem the Kaskaskia Project one of the finest, most promising, with one of the greatest potentials, of any with which it has been our privilege to work.

May I say this has been in the mill in my office for at least five years and in that time we have tried to be restrained and carefully pick the time when it would be best to really give it the big push.

The spade work has been done. The Engineers' report was excellent. Therefore, we thought it advisable to cut right through any doubts, delays and red tape and put the authorization for its construction squarely before the Congress. I can assure you we will work intensively to cover every base in order to secure favorable action.

I am delighted with your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen

Enclosures