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United States Senate
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Satellite Communications

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Dear :

I appreciate your recent letter concerning the question of whether the Federal Government or private enterprise will ultimately direct and operate any satellite communications system which might be developed, provided the hopes of scientific talent that an adequate, durable, long-lasting satellite can be perfected from which to bounce the necessary frequency waves for distance transmission. As this is written it appears that American Telephone and Telegraph will be permitted to go forward in this field. I have seen the data which they have presented and also the extraordinary amount of expense which the company itself will undertake, while at the same time giving assurances that it will not take on monopolistic attributes.

I trust with these qualifications that it will work out and I am quite sure it will.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen