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Cheating Congressman  
(Parade Magazine Article)

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Dear ....:

I appreciate your interest in the recent Parade Magazine article relating to certain alleged practices by various members of Congress.

As you may have noted, the House Administration Committee has held one session of an inquiry into the facts behind this article. However, no further action is scheduled at the moment.

As to the mention of my name in the article, let me advise that the Nationwide Food Service operated the Senate restaurant under a management contract which was made eight or ten years before I came to the Senate. I knew nothing about the operation even though the officers who managed it were from Chicago and were friends of mine.

It was not merely these gentlemen but perhaps one hundred more who staged a birthday party for me when I came to the Senate in 1951 and this occasion became a tradition which was observed every year.

It was observed this year also in January, notwithstanding the fact that the Nationwide Food Service no longer manages the Senate restaurant and has not for the last two years.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen