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United States Senate  
Minority Leader

Railroad Strike

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Dear -----:

A railroad strike at this time would be almost catastrophic and, according to reports, finally involve as many as six million workers. The first duty of the Congress, therefore, is to avert a work stoppage. Its second duty is to develop an equitable procedure to resolve the differences which are in dispute.

I believe the Interstate Commerce Commission is an appropriate vehicle for this purpose but I believe the Joint Resolution which I sponsored with the Majority Leader to get this matter before the Senate will need some modification. I have reason to believe, however, that it can and will be an effective instrument to get this job done and to that end I expect to devote my most earnest efforts.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen