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United States Senate
Minority Leader

DATA PROCESSING CENTER

February 11, 1964

Dear :

This will acknowledge your recent expression of concern with regard to the Post Office Department's announced removal of the Data Processing Center function in Chicago to the Regional Office in Minneapolis.

While I can well understand and appreciate the dilemma which confronts those employees who will be directly affected by the consolidation, it appears the final action has been already agreed upon by the President and the Postmaster General (see attached wire copy).

I will ask the Postmaster General for a review of the decision -- particularly as regards the claimed economy factors -- but am not overly optimistic of obtaining any modification.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen

Enclosure

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HONORABLE EVERETT M DIRKSEN, DLR BEFORE 9 AM
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IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM OF ECONOMIES IN THE POSTAL SERVICE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME I VISITED PRESIDENT JOHNSON ON JANUARY 2, THE DATA PROCESSING RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FOURTEEN REGIONAL OFFICES WHERE IT NOW EXISTS AND CONSOLIDATED INTO SIX UNITS REPORTING TO HEADQUARTERS. THE NEW UNITS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES: ATLANTA, DALLAS, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, AND ST. LOUIS. CONSOLIDATIONS WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY AND ARE SCHEDULED TO COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 1965.

THE CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM WILL RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS IN PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES.

PRESENTLY THE DATA PROCESSING ACTIVITY IS LOCATED IN THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICES IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES: ATLANTA, BOSTON, CHICAGO, CINCINNATI, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK CITY, PHILADELPHIA, RICHMOND (VIRGINIA), ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, AND WICHITA. THIS FUNCTION FOR THE DENVER AND DALLAS REGIONS WAS CONSOLIDATED LAST YEAR.

I WILL MAKE A MORE DETAILED PUBLIC STATEMENT AND WILL SEND IT TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS ISSUED.

JOHN A GRONOUSKI POSTMASTER GENERAL