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Dear ...:

Thank you for writing me pertaining to the present actions against the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the persecution and expulsion of thousands of innocent Turkish residents of Greek descent and the difficulties that still persist in Cyprus. I thought you would be interested in a copy of my answer to Archbishop Iakovos on the same subject matter since it involves the same issue. It is as follows:

"Received your Eminence's wire regarding patriarchate and expulsion of innocent Turkish residents of Greek extraction. I keep in constant touch with the appropriate officials on both Cyprus and Constantinople developments. The matter has again been taken up with the State Department but frankly, the State Department explained the difficulties facing it in working out a solution because officials feel that until the Cyprus Issue is solved, Turkey will not change her position in the matter. However, some of us in Congress feel that something more than the State Department's approach must be taken and we hope to have a concrete suggestion within the very near future."

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen