



United States Senate

West Chicago High School Robo

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Dear :

You and the other students in Social Studies and Language Arts at West Chicago Junior High School are indeed gracious to invite me to tape the State song "Illinois" for your use in your music class. However, the limited recording which I have done has been in narrative form with musical background rather than actual singing. Actually, I have had no voice training and doubt that an amateur effort at singing would produce a satisfactory result for classroom use.

Let me suggest that your teacher make inquiry of the Illinois Sesquicentennial Commission office in Chicago since they have a number of plans underway to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the State of Illinois in 1968. Mr. Ralph Newman or Miss Helen T. Geraghty at 944-1968 in Chicago may be able to advise whether a recording might be available now or in the near future.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen