



United States Senate

Supreme Court Robo

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Dear :

A Subcommittee on Separation of Powers was formed in the last Session of this Congress to conduct a complete and thorough investigation of the rather disturbing tendency of the Supreme Court and the Executive Branch of Government to encroach upon the Congress. I serve on this Subcommittee and you may be assured that this vital problem is having my most careful and constant attention.

In addition, a bill is pending in the Senate, S.1194, to define the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the inferior courts ordained and established by the Congress under Article III of the Constitution in criminal prosecutions involving admissions or confessions of the accused.

This proposal has direct relation to the rash of recent court decisions which have permitted confessed criminals to go free merely because of technicalities of minor errors. This too will have my best attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen