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Dear ...

I share your interest in an efficient and well coordinated administration of veterans affairs, because I am not unaware of how the American Legion labored in those early days to consolidate these activities under one head in the interest of veterans of all wars.

I therefore bring to any proposal which seeks to reorganize the Veterans Administration a sympathy that is weighted on the side of the Veterans Administration unless there are facts and circumstances which warrant a different conclusion.

I have on a number of occasions examined the recommendations of the Hoover Commission with respect to Veterans Administration and certainly some of these recommendations have merit. I am not certain in my own mind at the moment concerning the reports which relate to personnel management and the consolidation of certain medical activities. I can assure you however, that these will be carefully examined before approving or disapproving any of the pending reorganization plans dealing with this subject matter.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
April ..., 1952

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Dear ...:

This will acknowledge your recent communication with respect to H. R. 4394.

In view of the fact that this measure passed the Senate recently in different form from the House, it has been sent to conference. You can be assured that I will be alert to this legislation when it returns to the Senate in the form of a Conference Report.

I am grateful for your comments.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
June ..., 1952

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Dear ...:

I have assembled and will give careful attention to the bills recited in your recent letter.

Perhaps I should point out that Senate 1140, which is one of the measures to which you refer, has been tabled and a substitute bill, which bears the number Senate 3314, now displaces it. This has been referred to the Committee on Expenditures for further consideration, and this committee, as I understand, is asking the interested federal agencies for a report before they give it further consideration. It is not too likely at this stage of the session that any of these measures will receive action. Let me assure you that if and when they come on for consideration all will have careful scrutiny.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen