March ..., 1953

Dear ...:

For a period of seven or eight years or more, the question of statehood for Hawaii has been under consideration in Congress.

There has been a wealth of testimony developed in formal hearings on this subject both by House and Senate committees which have jurisdiction of the matter.

From the testimony which has developed and considering every factor, both civil and military, a majority in both House and Senate seems to be assured for this proposal.

In addition thereto the platform of the Republican party in 1952 took the position that statehood should be granted and I am of the opinion that the proposal will be approved when it comes on for action.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen