Dear ...

I do appreciate the comments in your good letter and as a matter of fact know from personal observation that disaffection does exist in some quarters.

The fact of the matter is that even after twenty years experience in Washington I had no adequate idea of the difficulties with which the present administration was confronted when it came into power.

The rigid civil service laws, a farm program which is mandatory under existing law, the commitments and unpaid bills of the prior administration, together with many other conditions, presented a problem of amazing proportions for the present administration to solve.

In the same way that it has already come to grips with communism and corruption, it will move steadily into every other field in order to effect the changes which people expect and place the federal government on a sound basis. I am confident that with patience and ample time this job will be done and the pledges will be retrieved.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen