Dear ...:

Long before many people were giving serious attention to the communist threat in this country, I was discussing it in all sections of the country. In 1946, I initiated a public document with the title "Communism in Action" which not only became a government best-seller but which is presently used as a text book in hundreds of colleges and universities. More than a dozen years ago, I authored the first amendment to stop the payment of a salary out of the public treasury to a federal employee with the taint of communism.

The record is quite clear and consistent on this issue and I have no intention of relenting in the crusade to rid the federal government of those whose records of loyalty and security are proven to be of a dubious character.

If and when I should differ with any of my colleagues in this field of action, it would be only on grounds of procedure and not on objectives. In the matter of procedures, I expect to follow that course which best achieves the objective while at the same time, preserving the guaranteed freedoms of our people.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen