Dear:

In response to your comments on the Bradley Commission Report, let me say that the basic purpose of this study by the President's Commission was to assemble all of the essential facts and to see if an overall philosophy with respect to veterans benefits could be developed instead of pursuing the piece-meal approach which has been the case up to this time.

First of all, let me say that you can be quite sure that Congress will take no extreme, hasty or sumptuary action in this field and that the report will be studied a long time before any action whatsoever is taken.

Doubtless you observed that among other recommendations were those to (1) give Cabinet status to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs; (2) gear disability benefits to the cost of living so that they will be adequate; (3) emphasize the needs of our seriously disabled service connected veterans; (4) develop a better rehabilitation program to restore disabled veterans to useful pursuits; and (5) to develop a national policy in this field.

I appreciate your comments and you can be assured that this matter will have careful attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen