Dear:

Considerable opposition has developed over a number of the provisions in the Alaska Mental Health Bill and this proposal will receive careful scrutiny before Senate action is completed.

I share your interest in favorable action on the Bricker Amendment and shall continue to give this proposal vigorous attention. At the time the NATO treaty was under consideration I joined with Senator Bricker in his efforts to secure adoption of the reservation relating to American boys coming under jurisdiction of foreign courts but we were unable to command sufficient support for adoption of this proposal. It will have continuing attention, however, and I am grateful for this expression of interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

I am happy to advise that the Bricker Resolution in amended form was reported favorably by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 5 by a vote of eleven to two.

The new proposal is simpler and shorter, and while it does not go quite so far as the earlier Resolution, it does preserve the basic purpose of safeguarding the constitutional rights of our people where treaties and international executive agreements are concerned.

I might add that this action had the concurrence and approval of Senator Bricker and those who have been associated with him in seeking to secure the enactment of this constitutional proposal.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen