Dear:

I do appreciate your note urging a vigorous effort to give effect to the recommendations of the Hoover Commission.

Let me assure you that this has been receiving diligent attention and I sincerely hope that we can make further progress on these recommendations during the present session.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

I appreciate your letter regarding the recommendations of the Hoover Commission. Let me endeavor to summarize the general situation with respect to these.

Of the more than 300 recommendations, not quite half can be achieved by administrative action in which no legislation by Congress is required.

The remainder - some 170 in number - would require additional legislation.

Some progress has been made in the administrative field to achieve greater efficiency and economy and in abolishing activities of government which are directly competitive with private business. Progress has been slowed somewhat by a requirement in an Appropriation Bill that the Defense Department give the Appropriations Committees of the two branches 90 days notice of its intention to discontinue business-type activities, but despite that restriction the work is going forward.

One of the most important recommendations of the Commission relates to the modernization of budgeting and accounting methods of government. Bills to achieve this objective are pending and hearings are under way. I for one hope that there can be favorable action on this measure in the present session.

I hope also that certain bills now pending before the Civil Service Committees of House and Senate to improve the personnel picture and get away from costly turnover of Federal personnel can be brought to a conclusion before the present Congress adjourns.

Having served as a member of the Civil Service Committee for the Hoover Report, let me assure you of my interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chester Wilmot Smith
Dear:

Extensive hearings were held on S. 3199 and H.R. 9402 to improve budgetary and accounting practices of government, and since that time a new bill S. 3897, sponsored by thirty-two members of the Senate, including myself, has been reported by the Committee on Government Operations, and is scheduled for early Senate action.

I share your hope that we can make good progress on these and other Hoover Commission recommendations.

Having served as a member of the Citizen's Committee for the Hoover Report and having discussed these recommendations in many sections of the country, you have my assurance of a deep and abiding interest in this entire matter.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen