Dear:

The Senate Committee has not yet concluded its labors on the pending Social Security Bill, but it appears from such conversations as I have had with members of the Committee that a number of the provisions included by the House have been or will be stricken from the bill.

Within the last ten days a group of senators had a meeting with Secretary Folsom of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to discuss the measure in considerable detail for the purpose of securing all pertinent information that would have a bearing on the program. This is having good attention, and I appreciate your expression of viewpoint.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

I am certain that when H.R. 7225 -- which is now pending in the Senate Finance Committee -- is called up for consideration during the present session, that Committee under the chairmanship of Senator Byrd will directly explore every provision in this measure. It has already passed the House, as you know, and now comes to the Senate for further attention.

I am confident that the rights of all groups will be kept in mind before action is consummated and that every viewpoint will be presented in the course of the hearings.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
April 6, 1956

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Dear ...:

The Senate Finance Committee has concluded hearings on H. R. 7225 to amend the Social Security Act and is presently meeting in executive session. It will be a little while before members of the Committee can digest the monumental amount of testimony which was taken. May I assure you that I will be alert to the progress of this important legislation and I am grateful for your expression of interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen