Dear:

This is with reference to your recent communication concerning excess land at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Marion, Illinois.

Sometime ago I was advised by Mr. John S. Patterson, Acting Administrator, that the Veterans Administration had withdrawn its declaration of excess pending the annual meeting of the National Rehabilitation Conference of the American Legion in Washington during March of this year, at which time the VA has indicated it will give full consideration to the recommendations of that organization.

You may be assured that I will follow this closely.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

It was a pleasure to visit the Danville Veterans Hospital on Sunday and I appreciate the petition which was handed to me and to which you had affixed your signature expressing interest in a more generous pension program for veterans of World War I and their widows and orphans. A number of bills dealing with pensions for veterans of World War I and their families have been under general consideration off and on for several years, but none have been enacted into law and I think largely because of the heavy impact on the Federal Budget. Let me assure you that whatever proposals are submitted and considered by the appropriate committees will have very careful and diligent attention.

I am glad to have this expression of interest from you and your associates.

With every good wish,

Everett McKinley Dirksen