January 17, 1959

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Everett McKinley Dirksen
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Illinois

United States Senate
Minority Leader

RE: ROBO- RECONSIDER STAND ON VETERANS COMMITTEE
June 1, 1959

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Dear ...,:

As a veteran with twenty-two months of honorable service in
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of which was in actual combat in the advanced zone, I would
be the last to have any hostility toward the interests of
veterans and, in fact, I have helped to carry the flag in
that field for many years.

As of this time, I do not believe a case has been made for
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