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Dear ...:

There has been a tremendous volume of mail within the last few days on the question of a recount and I am very glad to have your expression of interest in this important matter.

Under the law enacted in 1957 it is possible for candidates who came within 5% of victory to petition for a writ of discovery in order to check on voting machine totals and survey the precincts where a paper ballot was used. This can be done only when a certain amount per precinct has been deposited. I am advised that the money has been subscribed, that the petitions have been filed and this work is now under way.

I quite concur in the sentiment expressed in your letter.

With every good wish,

Everett McKinley Dirksen