Dear ...:

First let me assure you that I am not opposed to a pay increase bill as such. My opposition in this instant case rests on rather broad considerations.

My first duty is to serve not a particular group but all of the people as best I can and the first consideration, therefore, is the security of the country and all its people, and the second is stability and the preservation of the buying power of the dollar.

If I place myself in the position of approving a three-quarter billion dollar burden on the public Treasury for one group, such as the federal employees, and thereby invite inflationary disaster for all of the people, it would be entirely unfair. If today there is $300 billion in disposable income and the purchasing power of the dollar is impaired by only 1% for the rest of the country, that would add up to two and one-half billions or more.

Another way of stating the equation is that to provide a pay increase for roughly two and one-half per cent of the employed persons at the expense of the other ninety-seven and one-half per cent, unless additional revenues are provided, would not serve the best interest of the country.

If offsetting revenues can be provided or are proposed by the sponsors of the pay bill, it will certainly have good attention from me.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear ...:

This will acknowledge your communication of recent date expressing interest in H.R. 6569 to increase the permanent rates of compensation of Postal Service employees.

I have contacted the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee where this proposal is now pending and have been informed that there is no action scheduled for this legislation.

Be assured that it will have my good attention if and when it reaches the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

This will acknowledge your communication of recent date expressing interest in legislation to increase the permanent rates of compensation of Postal Service employees.

Hearings are now in progress before the House Committee on Postoffice and Civil Service, where this legislation is pending, and you can be sure that any bill of this type which may pass the House and come to the Senate will have my most careful attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear 

On May 23, 1960, the House Committee on Postoffice and Civil Service reported H.R. 9883, a bill to provide salary increases for postal and other Federal employees. In addition, the Senate Committee on Postoffice and Civil Service has completed hearings on similar legislation.

I am aware of the widespread interest in this legislation and assure you that it will have careful attention when presented on the Senate Floor.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen