January 6, 1961

Mr. Robert E. Gerber
510 West Maywood Avenue
Peoria, Illinois

Dear Mr. Gerber:

I share your deep concern over the progress by the Communist ideology among younger people in this country, even though from a numerical standpoint it may not be regarded as a real menace.

These activities, however, do underscore the need not only for constant vigilance but for an informed counter-attack upon these activities and I hope to do my full share in this field.

Sincerely

Everett McKinley Dirksen
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Dear ...:

You ask what I will do about communist influence in this country. I intend, insofar as time, the limitations of human energy, and other responsibilities permit, to join in and support every reasonable effort to ferret out such activities, expose them to public view, and bring those who are guilty of traitorous and subversive activities to justice.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear ..., 1961

I have noted your comments regarding H.R. 2302 which provides that persons who knowingly and willfully become or remain members of the Communist Party are subject to fine and/or imprisonment.

This bill is pending before the House Committee on Un-American Activities but no action has been scheduled as yet. I can appreciate your interest and will be mindful of your views if this proposal should pass the House and come to the Senate.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen