Dear:

Thank you for your letter relating to S. 2180. This is pending before the Senate Committee on Government Operations, however, no action has been scheduled as yet as there is some question as to which committee should actually handle the bill.

The progress in the development of fantastically destructive weapons should certainly stimulate as nothing else can do the desire of all mankind and the leaders of all nations to find a practical, progressive, gradual method in the field of disarmament and for the relief of all peoples from the armament burden which the world today carries.

To be sure, the world is beset with fever and hostility, and we cannot afford to diminish our security and national defense unless and until there are adequate guarantees by other nations that they will join in this effort and permit the necessary inspection and surveillance which would necessarily attend such a program.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen