Dear ...:

In a period when the economy has developed soft spots and a mild recession is in progress, a conviction develops in some quarters that by easy spending of public funds the problem can be curtailed and the state of the economy reversed.

Unfortunately such a program can easily get out of hand and develop inflationary fevers which aggravate rather than remedy the problem at hand. Let me assure you that I try to see the various problems which beset us in a broad context which includes a proper regard for the Federal budget and the desirability of keeping that budget in approximate balance at all times. This will be no easy task in view of the spending proposals which have been advanced thus far, but I believe I can assure you that fiscal responsibility will receive more emphasis this session than ever before.

With every good wish,

Everett McKinley Dirksen