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Dear ...:

In response to your letter of recent date expressing an interest in the Administration proposal to establish a Youth Peace Corps, let me assure you that when the proposal has been formalized and presented to the appropriate committees of the House and Senate for consideration and testimony that the whole idea will have careful attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear ..., 

Recently I spent forty-five minutes with the Director of the Peace Corps, who was formerly Chairman of the Board of Education in the City of Chicago. We discussed the whole matter at considerable length and mainly so because public fancy has been captivated by this whole idea and it does present some challenges and some problems which could eventuate in the form of real headaches before we get through.

The Peace Corps will eventuate for the simple reason that it has already been created by Executive Order of the President and funds supplied by transfer from transferable appropriations which the Congress made available to the International Cooperation Administration last year. Thus we are, in fact, dealing with an entity that has already come into being.

The question then is how fast and how far shall it go both at home and abroad and how shall it be staffed and applicants be recruited in the interest of our country. These are considerations which will require a good deal of study and I can assure you that it will have my best attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen