Dear:

The question of quotas or tariffs on imported products has become a hot issue and, as you know, is beset with many problems because many of the countries which export to the United States are also heavy purchasers of American commodities.

What is involved is a fair and proper protection of the American market without inviting broad-gauge retaliation against the sales of American commodities and equipment in foreign fields. It is no easy problem and yet is of the utmost importance, and I hope that we can work out an acceptable solution which will adequately protect our own workers and industries.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen