Dear:

Referring to the UNESCO Convention and Recommendation on Discrimination in Education, let me advise that the United States has not ratified or acceded to the Convention and it has not been submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent -- as would be necessary for ratification. The Convention is applicable only in those countries which have ratified or acceded to it in accordance with their own constitutional processes.

As I interpret the temper of the Congress, under no circumstances would such a convention be approved or ratified and I therefore see no cause for alarm in this particular situation.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen