January, 1963

Dear ———:

The whole Cuban situation is moving on the front page again because I gave it some impetus after the recent statement by the Attorney General absolving the Administration from all blame.

I have an idea that every aspect of the entire Cuban matter will be thoroughly explored before we get through and I do appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Cuba - BAY OF PIGS

March 1963

Dear :

Very shortly I hope to lay before a committee of the Senate a file of letters, wires, clippings and other matters relating to the Bay of Pigs incident and also suggestions as to a list of witnesses who might be called so that the whole story can be told. I expect also to make a statement on this matter to the Senate within the next few days.

In addition thereto, a Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee, under the chairmanship of Senator Stennis of Mississippi, is presently making an investigation of the weapons build-up in Cuba.

I trust that out of these explorations facts will be developed which will be helpful in getting the whole Cuban story properly and adequately presented to the country.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
May 14, 1963

Dear [Name],

I appreciate your recent communication urging action on Cuba. I fully share that feeling but in a delicate situation of this kind it is necessary to exercise caution and to make certain that by whatever action we take we do not complicate our whole security problem.

By that I mean that we are presently involved in Thailand, in the controversy in Laos, in Berlin, not to speak of the explosive situation developing in the Middle East. Sooner or later we must act on Cuba but it must be done in such fashion and at a time that will not involve us more deeply in other areas and overtax the defensive and offensive units and weapons which are available.

I am quite sure that our Central Intelligence Agency is keeping abreast of what is developing within Cuba itself so that when a propitious time for action comes we shall know precisely what the situation is and also be able to count upon cooperation from the Latin American nations who are members of the organization of American States and who are, in fact, committed to cooperative action with us.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen