May 27, 1964

Dear:

I not only share your high regard and esteem for Senator Goldwater but also have an admiration for him both as a friend and as a public servant that developed years ago when we first met.

Today as the Senate Republican Leader, I should point out that various Republican Senators are espousing the cause of particular candidates and I believe it is the prudent thing for me not to become involved at this time because my first and foremost responsibility is to maintain a cohesive and unified Republican phalanx in the Senate in connection with the various controversial proposals which are pending and which will continue to be introduced from time to time.

Let me assure you that I will vigorously support whoever is selected as our Candidate for President by the official delegates to our National Convention in July.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
July 8, 1964

Dear :

I see nothing incongruous or inconsistent in my labors to obtain passage of the Civil Rights Bill and my more recent decision to place Senator Goldwater's name in nomination at the Convention and hope to make this manifestly clear in the course of the nominating speech. In this particular connection it should be remembered that the Civil Rights issue is but one of many important matters which presently confront us and which must be dealt with in due course, so for every area in which I might disagree with the Senator from Arizona there are perhaps a dozen where we would be in total agreement.

Therefore, I try to make my own assessment of an individual on the basis of the whole man -- rather than by fragmentary analysis -- and it is my judgment that Senator Goldwater has won his spurs over thirteen years of dedication to principle and tireless effort in behalf of the party and its individual candidates.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
July 8, 1964

Dear -- ---:

Do let me express my personal appreciation for your kind comments.

With best wishes,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
July 29, 1964

Dear [Name]:

I do appreciate receiving your views regarding the nomination of Senator Goldwater to be our party's candidate for the Presidency.

It is my judgment that Senator Goldwater has won his spurs over thirteen years of dedication to principle and tireless effort in behalf of the Republican Party and its individual candidates and I expect to do all that I can to assure his election this November.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen