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Dear:

There has been a great deal of discussion in recent months in the Congress concerning the activities of Rural Electrification Administration and the REA co-ops and the many activities in which they are currently engaged. As a matter of fact this was discussed at some length by the Appropriations Committee when the appropriation for REA was being considered.

I expect to hear much more on this subject in the weeks ahead and particularly on the rate of interest being charged REA. As you perhaps know legislation is being considered which if enacted would at least require them to pay the going rate of interest.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and I can assure you that it is a subject that will continue to have my close attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen