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Dear:

I share your feelings about the Supreme Court decision on communist registration and already the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Eastland, has indicated to the press that when the new Session of Congress convenes this matter will be given immediate attention.

We have on prior occasions met the impact of a Supreme Court decision by enacting legislation, provided the decision was not an interpretation of a specific provision of the Constitution because a remedy in such cases would call for a resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution. Such an amendment would require a two-thirds vote in both branches of the Congress and ratification by three-fourths of all the states.

I am happy to note your interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen