Dear ...:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in bringing me your suggestions concerning modifications in the Omnibus Farm Bill which has recently been approved by the Senate. As you know, this measure was debated for a number of days which indicates the concern that the members had for this legislation.

I believe that the committee bill was approved by the action of the Senate and I think, considering all circumstances, it represents probably as good a piece of legislation as could be contrived at this time. However, I am by no means persuaded that this measure, which is now in conference between House and Senate, is the best answer that Congress could provide in attempting to solve the farm problem. My own feeling is that Congress next year should immediately begin a study of this entire problem and from that study I am certain that we could come up with legislation that would be more beneficial for the farmer while at the same time providing the consumer with a better break than he is now receiving. I certainly intend to do everything I can to see that this is done.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen