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Dear ...:

I do appreciate receiving your comments relating to my alleged "attack" upon the John Birch Society.

What I actually said was that this Society is not a part of the Republican Party and, in fact, the Party has repudiated its attacks upon President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles. In addition, our Party does not concur in the Society's rejection of the United Nations.

As conservatives we seek to be moderate and to avoid extremism in any direction and we have never set up any inter-party group comparable to the Americans For Democratic Action which has the opportunity to force its viewpoints on the Party.

This can hardly be considered as an attack upon an organization but rather it is an effort to place the whole controversy in proper perspective.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen