United States Senate

Hassar Robo
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Dear: 

I know that on its face the Nasser incident, in his use of untoward and provocative language, has raised strong protesting sentiment throughout the country. I can appreciate also the feelings of the House of Representatives in expressing their protest in the form of a proposal to cut off further surplus grain deliveries to Egypt, notwithstanding the fact that we are under contract to do so.

However, there is a good deal more in this situation than meets the eye and I was of the opinion that such action on our part would be anything but helpful in promoting better understanding and better relationships in the Middle East. I did my very best to reverse action by the House of Representatives and I am confident that my position was right and that it should be reversed.

With every good wish,

Everett McKinley Dirksen