Dear:

Thank you for your comments regarding S. 500, the bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Public hearings on this and related bills have been concluded by the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am a member.

From the testimony adduced during the past two years, I gather that a number of amendments will be offered when the bill is considered in Executive Session. I have always followed the practice of not committing myself on any legislation until I see it in its final form inasmuch as the Committee has authority to completely rewrite a bill before it is reported to the Senate Calendar. In fact, I have in the past introduced and co-sponsored bills that were so emasculated in Committee that I could not vote for them when they were brought before the Senate.

Be assured this will have continuing good attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
United States Senate

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Dear:

The Senate has approved the immigration bill by a vote of 76 to 18 and the bill includes an amendment I offered which for the first time in our history limits the amount of people who may come to our country from Western Hemisphere countries.

I believe the bill as it passed the Senate is fair, workable, well protected and takes into account new conditions while at the same time reasonably protects the United States against a flooding of immigrants from any place in the world.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen