Dear:  

There is great appeal in the school lunch and milk programs to the point where more than half of the Senators on both sides of the aisle have petitioned for this program as set forth in the President's budget.

As the appropriation bill for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies passed the House on April 26th the budget estimate for the school lunch program of $138 million was increased to $157 million, the same amount that was appropriated last year. The budget estimate for the special milk program of $21 million was increased to $50 million, $29 million more than was made available during fiscal year 1965.

Let me assure you that these programs will continue to have the most careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
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School Lunch and Milk Program
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New Letter
March 24, 1966

Dear:

There is great appeal in the school lunch and milk program to the point where more than half of the Senators on both sides of the aisle have petitioned for a restoration of the reduction in funds for this program as set forth in the President's budget.

Like so many other worthwhile programs, it does present a difficult problem by reason of the fact that we have a growing war on our hands resulting in expenditures not merely of the revenues which the Federal government will derive, but the expenditure of borrowed funds as well, all of which is bound to feed the inflationary fever. Let me assure you, however, that this will have the most careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen