Dear:

I learned long ago, after serving for fifteen years on the Appropriations Committees of both House and Senate, that the only way a budget will ever be reduced and kept manageable is to cut and to recognize no sacred cows whatsoever. Congress must take a close look at every item and wherever cuts can be made or a stretch-out of programs can be accomplished in order to safeguard our fiscal integrity, it should be considered. I appreciate the value of some of these programs, but these things grow like topsy and the only way one can determine whether estimates of an activity are padded or full of water is to make a thorough examination.

The enclosed statement relating to the administration's budget may be of interest to you in the meantime.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen

Enclosure