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Dear:

Your concern over the military takeover in Greece and its effect on political leaders in Greece has been relayed to the Executive Branch. The Members of Congress as well as the Executive Branch of the government are keeping a close watch on the developments in Greece.

The Secretary of State issued a statement on April 28th, saying: "I am encouraged to see that King Constantine in his first public statement since last Friday has called for an early return to parliamentary government . . . Ambassador Talbot has made unmistakably clear to the Greek government our concern for the safety of all political prisoners. He has received repeated assurances that they are well." The President has shown his concern in this matter.

Since that time you no doubt are aware of recent developments through the American press.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and assure you that I am keeping in touch with current developments.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen