January 30, 1968

Dear:

Following the recent decision by the Supreme Court dealing with the employment of a Communist in a defense plant, I introduced a bill in the Senate on December 13, 1967, called the Federal Security Act which would take care of that decision. This bill would enhance the protection afforded national security while substantially increasing the protection of the individual. Under the bill, a Central Security Office would be established to coordinate the administration of Federal personnel loyalty and security programs and to prescribe administrative procedures for the hearing and review of cases arising under such programs.

I think it urgent that Congress adopt new legislation to take the place of that which was struck down.

It is my strong hope that the Government Operations Committee, to which the bill has been referred, and subsequently the Senate, will act promptly to secure the bill's enactment.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen