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Dear:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent communication. I did want to express my very personal thanks for the high estimate which you place on my public service.

Becoming a Presidential candidate is in itself a tremendous undertaking that takes much time and preparation, and I am afraid I would be unable to devote the time which it requires and still properly discharge my responsibilities as a Member of the Senate. At the moment, we are confronted with a rather confused situation and I can only hope that it can be worked out to the satisfaction of all elements of the Party and in the interest of a victory in November.

I am grateful indeed for your continuing interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen