March 21, 1968

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It will now be up to the Congress to examine this report and to those parts of it that relate to legislation, take such steps as are appropriate.

As you know, the Senate has only recently approved a comprehensive civil rights measure that in some respects, I believe, gets at the problems outlined in the report. This measure is now before the House of Representatives.

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Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
May 1, 1968

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Congress has completed action on the civil rights bill which does, in part, implement the recommendations of the Commission. This measure has been signed into law. Senator Brooke has introduced additional legislation to carry out the recommendations of the Commission and I anticipate that there will be other proposals offered very shortly.

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