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Dear:

What has been called the "Poor Peoples Campaign" is now underway with the first group having arrived on May 12th. As I understand it, this protest march or peaceful demonstration will continue for some time in an effort to bring about a greater public and government realization of conditions under which some people in this country must live. The leaders of the protest have also indicated that they have certain legislative proposals to present to Congress. The demonstration Sunday was peaceful and the leaders have given assurance that all others will be.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen