January 29, 1968

Dear:

Thank you so much for your good letter of recent date regarding the proposed Panama Canal treaties.

The approved and translated text of these treaties, as initially agreed upon between Panama's representatives and ours, has not yet been made available to the Senate for examination and study.

Although I have a general understanding of their contents, I am sure you will agree with me that, with each of my colleagues, I should have the full, word by word text before me before coming to a decision regarding them.

You may be very sure that in any matter as important as this, every word and phrase in these treaties will receive my most thoughtful reading and consideration before I vote upon them.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen