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Dear:

I share the concern expressed in your recent communication with regard to the area of graduate and occupational deferments.

Of course you are aware that the decision in this was made by the National Security Council - which is comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense and Director of the Office of Emergency Planning - and that Selective Service System Headquarters simply issued the necessary instructions.

In any event, I have already contacted General Hershey to see whether there is any possibility of changing or modifying the action through the enactment of legislation for if any amendments to the present Selective Service Act were to be considered, he would no doubt be called as the first witness before the appropriate committee.

Let me assure you this will have my continued attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen