February 20, 1969

Dear:

This will acknowledge your recent letter regarding the pay increase for members of Congress, the Judiciary, and other high ranking federal officials.

A Presidential Commission composed of nine very outstanding citizens in the fields of business and labor made a careful study of the situation and made recommendations for pay increases in the federal structure. In the Budget for Fiscal Year 1970, which President Johnson submitted to Congress in January, a request was included for funds for an increase in salaries for the Members of Congress.

A Resolution was introduced into the Senate to reject this pay bill, but it was defeated 47 to 34; and, therefore, the increase went into effect February 14.

When this matter came before the Senate, I gave it thorough scrutiny and study; and did what I believed conscience and the facts would have me do as a public servant. Enclosed is a reprint of my remarks on the Senate Floor as reported in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen

Enclosure