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Dear:

I deeply appreciate your suggestions concerning the impeachment of the President in view of the action he took in seizing the steel mills.

May I point out that this matter has been rather carefully considered in both branches of Congress. Those who are familiar with the impeachment proceedings appreciate full well the difficulties which are involved.

As you doubtless know, the House of Representatives has the sole power to impeach and this must be done by majority vote. Thereafter the Senate sits as a trial court with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presiding and the House through an appointed board of managers tries the case.

In view of the fact that the President's own party has a majority in both branches of Congress you can well understand the difficulties which are involved. I can assure you that the matter has been receiving good attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen