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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

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Dear ...:

Although the Japanese Treaty is on the Senate floor for action, I have not fully made up my mind whether I intend to vote for ratification of it.

In proportion as time permits from other legislative duties, I have been exploring this whole matter as best I can, and I am unhappy with some implications of the treaty that may spell trouble at an early date.

Several weeks ago, the Senate rather hastily ratified the Italian Treaty notwithstanding the protests that were made and today well over two-thirds of the Senate membership are not agreeing over a complete revision of this treaty. I trust we will not make the same mistake with respect to the treaty now pending.

I shall endeavor on the basis of all the facts to reach a conclusion which in my considered judgement is in the best present and future interest of the country.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen