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I can assure you that when this matter comes on for further action in 1952 it will have the same careful scrutiny before I pass judgment on this proposal.

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Dear ...:

I appreciate your communication with respect to the proposal for universal military training.

I can only say that if and when it should come on for action in the Senate I shall try to be fortified with a conviction based upon all the facts and implications that are involved in a proposal of this kind and let conviction dictate my vote.

It does appear, however, that the matter is unlikely to be reconsidered at the present session in view of the fact that only recently the House of Representatives by a margin of seventy-four votes recommitted this bill to the Armed Services Committee.

I am grateful for your viewpoint.

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