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Dear ...:

I do appreciate your communication of recent date. I believe every effort is being made on the part of party members here to launch the new administration as harmoniously as possible and I agree that the pledges which the party made to the people must be redeemed.

I am frank to admit that the solution to the many problems before us will not be an easy task, but that only makes the challenge greater. I shall certainly do my best to help preserve the freedom of America and return the country to a sound, sane, solvent basis.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen