United States Senate

April 1, 1969

Dear:

Thank you for your communication regarding the subject of such tremendous concern to every American—the war in Vietnam.

As you know, the President has made clear his position with respect to any escalation of the war militarily and I join him in the confidence that the current peace negotiations in process in Paris will, whether in public discussion or private talks, result in establishment of an honorable and enduring peace.

There is now no question but that the United States is continuing to do everything in its power to bring this dreadful conflict to an end and to bring our boys home. Against this background, I urge you to take heart in the expectation that is now mine that the President, the Secretary of State and Ambassador Lodge and his colleagues will lead us to a just and satisfactory peace in Southeast Asia.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen