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Senator Kenneth B. Keating Senate Office Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Keating:

I have read your statement of February 6th and 7th on Cuba with great interest and share your alarm and concern over the lack of will on the part of the Administration to rid the Vestern Hamisphere of the Communist intrusion. It is obvious that the Administration has thrown the Monroe Doctrine in the scrap heap of history and has no intention of upholding what was once considered the cornerstone of our policy in this hemisphere.

While I admire your courage in criticizing the Administration on its disastrous Cuben policy, I must voice my disappointment in pour apparent unwillingness to stage a full and unrelenting investigation into the rise of Castro and those forces in our government who are determined to do everything in their power to save the Communist dictator from overthrow.

I have read through some of the hearings of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and for the life of me I do not understand why Dr. Milton Eisenhower, Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allen W. Dulles, Christian A. Herter and others have not been called to testify before the Senate Committee. Why are these men, who have reaped all of the prestige, honor and benefits of high office, not help accountable for what happened when they held those offices? Why is the Senate so afraid to find out why the President, his Secretary of State, and the Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency did not know that Fidel Castro was a Communist when this fact was known to every intelligence department in the Caribbean? How can an astute and observant citizen not come to the conclusion that he is being constantly deceived by the highest office holders in the country when he is told that we must shell out 50 billions for defense, but can't do anything about Castro? Who exactly is our Defense Department defending?

There is only one hope for this country, and that is, it must find out the <u>truth</u>. The Senate of the United States is the only body in this nation with the authority to go after the truth and establish what it is. If the Executive Branch refuses to move against Castro on its front, the Senate must not refuse to move on its front—and if that means a deeper and more probing investigation, then let's have it. Why wait until Castro's terrorists blow up Macy's or Radio City Music Hall?

Sincerely yours,

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