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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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Re: House Un-American Committee

Dear Friend:

Please forgive me for replying to your communication with a form letter, but I have heard from many people on this subject.

On the day after the opening day of Congress, Wednesday, January 11, I joined several other of my Colleagues in expressing opposition to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and asking that their functions be transferred to the House Judiciary Committee.

My statement appears at page A35 of the Congressional Record for January 11, 1967, and is to the effect that H.U.A.C. performs no useful function at public expense and should be abolished. Whatever of these functions need continuing can best be performed by the Judiciary Committee in a quasi-judicial atmosphere without sensationalism.

Having watched the fiasco staged by H.U.A.C. this past summer in the nature of Hearings, I agree with the senior Senator from Illinois who stated last August that, "This spectacle can do the Congress no good"; nor does it do the country any good, I might add.

The only legislation offered by the Committee during my short time in the House of Representatives (I was elected, as you know, to fill the Lindsay vacancy, and took office on February 23, 1966) was the ill-conceived H.R. 12047 to amend the Internal Security Act of 1950 (also known as the Pool Bill) which I opposed (See Congressional Record of October 12, 1966 at page 25181). Fortunately, it did not become law.

We don't need a Committee to stage spectacles and propose legislation which, as I then said, constitutes "an exercise in futility and frustration."

It was good of you to be in touch with me.

Sincerely yours,

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