Dear:

Thank you for sending me your views on the Foreign Aid Bill. I am sorry that I cannot agree with you regarding aid to Yugoslavia.

I do not want to help our enemies by giving them money, but I believe with the situation in Yugoslavia as fluid as it is now, Congress cannot effectively judge what the United States' national interest is. We must leave the decision of whether or not to aid Yugoslavia to the President, who has all of the information at his disposal. I believe that he must be given the flexibility to act immediately without having, perhaps, to call Congress into special session.

I do, however, believe that the President's actions should be watched by Congress and the people. For that reason, I voted for the O'Mahoney amendment which requires the President to report to Congress and the people within 90 days on our relations with Yugoslavia. This means that the President will have to account for his actions.

I appreciate your taking the time to write me on this important matter.

Yours very sincerely,