My dear Senator:

I am enclosing copy of our Oil for Education Amendment that I intend to reintroduce in the Senate shortly.

I know that each of us sees our fine victory in the Senate in the last Congress by which we won adoption of our Amendment by the vote of 45 to 37, only to have the Amendment rejected by the House conferees without a vote in the House, as a challenge to carry on the battle to final victory.

The crisis in the nation's schools and colleges is growing steadily worse, endangering the nation's future strength and security.

Enrollment records have again been broken this year. The shortage of teachers has grown steadily worse. We are in our most severe school crisis. The nation's colleges and universities are likewise in serious financial difficulty.

As you have doubtless seen from the press, the Department of the Interior reports that within the past few months more than $144,000,000 has already accrued to the Federal Treasury from the sale of leases on only a small fraction of those offshore oil lands still under Federal ownership. The $144,000,000 have been derived from the granting of drilling rights alone, and does not represent any income from oil production, which has not begun. The Department of the Interior has indicated that the ultimate income to the Federal Government from the development of our under-sea oil resources will exceed $6 billion.

I am sure you will agree with me as to the wisdom of moving now toward channeling the income from these publicly owned resources into education in the tradition of the Ordinances of 1785 and 1789 and the Morrill Act, under which our public lands resources were in the early days devoted to the furtherance of primary, secondary and higher education in America.

I very much hope that you will again join in sponsoring the Amendment, and will so advise me or Mrs. Stolle on Extension 929.

With kindest personal regards and all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely,

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