January 8, 1949


## My dear Mrs. Williams:

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter of Decenber 23 in which you write me with. reference to H.R. 5852 and the activities of the House Un-American Activities Committoe.

In moving from Cheyenne and getting organized and my offices set up in the Senate Office Building in Washington, I have not as yet had an opportunity to read H.R. 5852 or to discuss the Un-American Activities Committee with any other members of the Senate.

Surely I can agree with you one hundred per cent that evergthing we can do to fight Communismmust be done. I have noted in the press, however, and heard over the radio many critical remarks of the UnAmerican Activitios Committee, which seems itself to bo un-American in its methods of conducting hearings and in its treatment of witnesses. It has for that reason fallen into an unfavorable light with many mambers of Congress. I think you know that one of the prominent mernbers is now under indictment for sypping the Governsient on salaries for his office force, and the treatment of some withesses by the comnttae has been shameful.

Congressman Mundt is now a United Staten Sonator and is, therefore, no lorger a member of the House, and I presume H. F. 5952 will need to be reintroduced if it is to be acted upon by the liouse.

A few days before being sworn in as Senator, I noted in the press that Congrossman lundt made several recomendetions for improving the procedure of the Un-Anerican Activities Committee. His action was to obviate the criticism in the future thst the comittee has recelved in the past.

Thank you very kindly for writing me, and please rest assured that any bill having as its objective control of Communism in this country will receive my w!:olehearted support.

Very truly yours,

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