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Bechtel, E.M.

Dear Mrs. Bechtel:

Thanks for your interesting letter of August 30, and the copies of magazine articles pertaining to the situation in Korea. I shall read them most carefully; however, it seems there is very little time for outside interests these last few weeks; in fact, our committee work assignments have been so heavy the Senate rarely recesses for the day earlier than 7:30 p.m.

With respect to the House action on Communism, you will be pleased to learn that the Senate will commence deliberations today on Senate file 4037, a bill to protect the internal security of the United States, which received the approval of the Judiciary Committee on August 17. There is no doubt in my mind that the Congress will take every precaution to protect our interests during the existing emergency.

Appreciating your letters and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

LESTER C. HUNT
United States Senator

Mrs. Edith M. Bechtel
Lovell
Wyoming

SEN. L. C. HUNT
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The Honorable Lester C. Hunt,
Washington D.C.
Dear Senator Hunt,

SEN. L. C. HUNT
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I do thank you for answering my last letter so promptly and am certainly pleased to learn that the Nation is ready in one big way to defend itself. It is most certainly true that information of such nature should not be broadcast to the world - there is probably too much being let out as it is.

We do want the Army to have everything it needs - and while our taxes are high to pay for it - I do hope the leaders will not forget the Hoover investigation - if such wasted money could be turned into the Army build up channel - it would help everyone. Waste still goes on according to this week's Callers, with the article on the potato scandal where we learn that potatoes are shipped to us from Canada costing the taxpayers \$1,000,000,000, and the Brannon pajama

investigation - costing thousands.

I do hope that we will build up a defense
so that the article in Newsweek could never
repeat such sadness.

In lots of ways I can see no good in
this war - and I do pray that we do
not go so far as to go to war in China.
The China situation is taken over by the
Reds and if history repeats itself there;
the Chinese people will feel the Reds
enough misery in time.

I am happy over the action of the House
in controlling Communism and hope the
Senate passes it too and if the President
is so foolish as to veto it that it will
be passed over the veto. We must be
awake to this thing within our borders -
we've had warnings enough as to
what they want to do - so let us not fall
asleep and wake up with a battle of some
Nature within our borders.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Edith M. Bechtel