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Senator Frear: Thank you. The Eighty-Fourth Congress, in the first few days of its existence, has been going through a process of organization. In addition to the formal designation of the majority and minority leadership for the two houses, committee chairmen have been chosen, and assignments of senators and representatives to these committees are being carried out. There has been little legislative activity as yet since it is the custom to await recommendations from the President on major matters before undertaking the consideration of a number of important bills. It will not be long, however, before practically all of the committee activities will be in full swing. Meanwhile, the Senate has acted on a significant resolution of its own which is sponsored by fifty-four of its own members, including myself. This proposal, known as Senate Joint Resolution 18, places the Senate on record as favoring a continuation of the investigation and exposure of the Communist Party in the United States as well as the international Communist conspiracy. The latter part of the resolution specifically encourages a full disclosure to the Congress and the American people of all facts in connection with the promotion and honorable discharge of Major Irving Peress. This individual is a so-called Fifth Amendment Communist about whom a tremendous debate has been raging for many months, both in and out of the Congress. It is my firm hope now that the Senate has given prompt and favorable consideration to this resolution that there will be maximum cooperation between the executive agencies of the government and the Senate in bringing to light all information which may be helpful in furthering the resolution’s objective. As we move into another new year, all of us are still greatly alarmed over the determined and tenacious efforts of the Kremlin and its satellites to threaten or take over areas of the world which now lie outside of the Red orbit. The particular danger area seems to be, at the moment, Asia, but we must be constantly alert, as I have mentioned so many times before, to the possibility of upheavals in Central or South America, where the Kremlin is so anxious to establish its political and military influence. It is, I believe, a significant indication when as many as fifty-four
members of the Senate publicly express themselves as supporting a thorough and continuing inquiry into the threat of international communism. I am sure that the vast majority of the American people will strongly favor this action because we are now all aware of what it would mean to relax our vigilance, even for a short time, over the dangers of this ruthless dictatorship. Next week, I hope to be able to discuss my assignments to the various subcommittees to which I shall probably be assigned as a member of the Senate Finance Committee and the Committee on Banking and Currency. The work of these two committees is directly related to much of the industrial, business, and social pattern of Delaware, and therefore should be of interest and concern to everyone in our state.

Mr. Kelly: Thank you, Senator Frear. From the nation’s capital, you have heard United States Senator J. Allen Frear in his regular report to the people of Delaware on current congressional affairs. Senator Frear can be heard again next week at this same time, speaking from the Senate Office Building in Washington.

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