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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C.**

February 27, 1967

Mr. Bruce Hartford  
325 Manley Heights Road  
Orange, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Hartford:

I appreciate receiving your letter and I am very much interested and pleased to know of your views on the vital issues you pointed out.

I regret that I can find no record of receiving any previous correspondence from you. However, as you may know, the Members of Congress observe a practice of Congressional courtesy which allows each Member the privilege of serving his own constituents. As a general rule when a Representative receives an inquiry from a resident of his State, but who does not reside in his Congressional District, it is referred to the proper Congressman. However, when receiving correspondence from an individual residing outside of the Representative's State, it is usually read and then disposed of.

I, therefore, cannot advise you for certain as to whether or not I ever received correspondence from you. Nevertheless, I am most pleased to see that you are a resident of the 29th Congressional District, and also a constituent who is in agreement with my stand on many issues.

I have consistently questioned and criticized our policy in Southeast Asia, and I am currently making every possible effort to urge that we negotiate a peaceful settlement of the Viet Nam war. For your interest, I am enclosing copies of my speeches on this subject, as they appeared in the Congressional Record.

I am strongly in favor of a complete review of the Selective Service System. I recently introduced a bill concerning a review of present draft laws. I am enclosing my press release on the introduction of this proposal, and a copy of my remarks on the draft system which appeared in the Congressional Record.

As for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, I have voted

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in opposition to this Committee at every opportunity during my service in Congress. On the opening day of the 90th Congress I joined in introducing a resolution that would abolish the Committee and transfer any legitimate legislative duties to the Committee on Judiciary. We hope to prevail on the Rules Committee, to which this resolution has been referred, to hold hearings on this matter this year.

I hope you will continue to write to me expressing your thoughts on issues of current importance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George E. Brown, Jr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.  
Member of Congress

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Enclosures