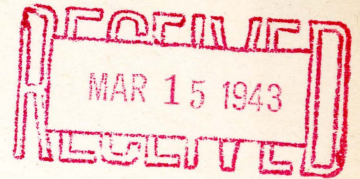


Home on the night of the 12th in NYC.



Dear Amon:--Word came today that Junior is missing in action since the 12th of Feb.

This has been most upsetting to me, and must be a severe grief to you.

All evening I have been home, too depressed to be among people, & I can understand how this must break you down into a despair which is too cruel for any one as fine as you to have to suffer.

There is hope, and further news may be less severe, and could be very gratifying in view of the worst which can happen. But its all so terrifying at best. I am deeply in sympathy with you, and wish I might be of some use to you now in this sadness.

Lee and I had a talk and we are so helpless it makes us know our weaknesses, and our inability to be useful to you at the moment when you need courage and comfort.

You have gone through a long, hard life of couragous progress; you have been able to take it when things were tough and you needed your best thoughts for the effort ahead and I feel sure the will to bear up will not let you down now.

You have my deepest feeling of love at this moment any man can have for another, and try to be as calm as your great love afördyourison, and the despair of his absence, will permit now. Sincerely & affectionately

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