## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

March 25, 1943

Dear Amon:

I heard the sad news several weeks ago. Our old friend, C. R. Smith, was the first to tell me. Then I saw the story in the local papers.

I have wanted all along to do something, to say something. I have neither done nor said anything to you until now. I can explain my tardiness by saying very frankly that, under the circumstances, I have not known what I could do or what I could say to you.

I have known something of your pride and love for Amon, Junior. I have seen his photograph in his Culver uniform in your rooms. I understood the motive of your recent trip abroad — a father crossing the ocean to see his son. I admired you for going and it must be a source of great satisfaction to you that you had the opportunity of seeing him over there.

As a father of a son also in the service of his country, my sympathy, understanding, affection and regard for you is more real than I know how to say.

Sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY

Honorable Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth, Texas.

