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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
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Mr. Amon Carter, Publisher,
Fort Worth Star Telegram,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

The Provost Marshal General directs me to reply to your letter of 18 November 1943 in regard to personal parcels for prisoners of war.

The regulations concerning the content of parcels for prisoners of war are not made by the War Department as the Office of Economic Warfare is charged with the duty of regulating articles that may be exported from the United States. It is believed that the restrictions as to size and weight conforms to that imposed on foreign parcel post mail by International Postal Agreements. While it is regretted that it has been found necessary to place limitations on prisoner of war packages, you may rest assured that this Government is giving careful consideration to the question of liberalizing present regulations. In fact this matter is under constant study and changes are being made from time to time. Every effort is being made to coordinate prisoner of war needs with that being furnished by the Red Cross and other prisoner of war relief agencies.

It is realized that the above is not a complete answer to your letter but as above stated every effort is being made to make the lot of our prisoners as comfortable as possible without giving too much aid to the enemy.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Howard F. Bresee
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