May 5, 1945.

Mr. William Best, General Cigar Co., Inc., 119 West 40th Street, New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Best:

Upon returning to the city I find your letter of April 16 concerning the cigar shipment to Mr. Carter's son. Meanwhile, it looks as though our troubles are over, for an Associated Press communique was received May 2 advising that Amon Junior had been liberated by the Russian Armies and was remaining in the camp at Luckenwalde until arrangements were made for their transportation.

As you probably know, Mr. Carter flew over to Paris with the committee of publishers and editors to inspect the prison camps, so in all probability, he and Amon Junior will soon get together and we hope return home soon.

The thought has just occurred to me, if it is permissible, that it might be a very fine thing if you could ship direct to Amon Junior here 100 or 200 Robert Burns, and the Van Dyck 32's look as though they might be the right size. As for the taste -- I wouldn't know. There is such a shortage of cigars as you know, and I imagine Amon Junior would be very happy to find a supply on hand when he returns; however if this is not possible, will you please return the check and labels to be held until Amon Junior finally reaches home.

In this connection please permit the writer to express for Mr. Carter and Amon Junior their sincere thanks and appreciation for your cooperation and understanding help all during these very trying years.

Sincerely,