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My first thought was to send this as a telegram  
but on second thought, I am mailing it to you.

Annie

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Senator Tom Connally,  
U. S. Senate Building  
Washington, D.C.

Thanks for your telegram regarding new location of German prisoner of war camp Oflag 64 having been moved to St alag No. 3-A about thirty miles South of Berlin PERIOD While I presume the War Department is familiar with this location, still it would not hurt to ask Secretary Simon or Patterson to notify the Allies so they would be careful not to bomb this new camp PERIOD Received word to effect a lady in Buffalo New York received a letter from her son Friday, Dated January Eighteenth, advising they had been moved from Oflag 64 to Stalag No. 3-A in Luckenwalde and that they were OK PERIOD Although this checks with information in your wire, it seems incredible that a letter could arrive from the new camp in fifteen days - still it could be possible PERIOD If the War Department would authorize or ask General Eisenhower to broadcast to the German authorities, civilians and the International Red Cross in Switzerland to the effect America holds several hundred thousand German prisoners of war, all of which are being treated according to the Geneva Convention rules, being fed, clothed and kept warm; further to the effect that America demands and expects its prisoners of war to receive the same treatment and that the American Government will hold each and everyone personally responsible for any lack of attention or for any mistreatment of our boys. This to apply to the German authority who gives the orders or to any soldier or civilian who carries out the order or to anyone who fails to treat our prisoners decently will be hung or shot as any criminal PERIOD This kind of an order will get results and it is the only language the Germans

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understand. They think our Government consists of a lot of "softies" and really make fun of the generous treatment accorded their men in American prison camps. Some of the American prisoners of war in Germany have been and will no doubt continue to be tried on trumped up charges of minor natures and will likely be punished or executed, unless our Government takes a firm stand or threatens them with retaliation if they permit these outrages to be carried out PERIOD Please protect my name and do not show the Red Cross or any one to see this telegram for fear my son might be subject to reprisal PERIOD This may sound foolish but it is not so please don't let this telegram get out of your hands PERIOD The Red Cross should go the limit to get food parcels to the POWs in all these camps, otherwise these boys will starve to death PERIOD Some of them as yet do not have overcoats or sufficient warm clothing. This same criminal neglect on the part of the Red Cross has been in effect for 2 years as the boys did not receive overcoats in 1943 until late in December and the same thing has happened again this year PERIOD The American prisoners who have returned to this country have not been permitted to tell all the truth about the atrocities that have been perpetrated on our poor defenseless boys Period Why not stop censoring their talks and statements and let them tell the next of kin the honest to God facts, good and bad alike? If they don't those responsible will be held personally accountable in the long run. I realize you are tremendously busy, still I hope you will follow this matter up vigorously. Don't let anyone try to tell you to the contrary. There have already been stories published in Washington that were censored to the point when the story was released

