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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

April 17, 1944.

Mr. M. D. McLarty,
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Dear Mr. McLarty:

Your letter of sometime back, though not dated was received early in March, has been unanswered due to the fact that I have had an accumulation of work that I have been unable to absorb. I've been on the go continuously from morning until night and it is almost impossible to read all the mail I receive, much less acknowledge it.

As stated to you over the telephone, I am naturally interested and appreciate your concern and worry over the fact that your son has been missing in action since October 9th. No one can appreciate, better than I, what this means to you and your wife. While, it is extremely distressing, I still feel that you should not give up hope as a substantial number of the boys who went down over Germany on bombing missions have later turned up as prisoners of war - sometimes they are slightly wounded and are picked up and cared for by private citizens. Again, due to the confusion, it is possible there has been some mix up or delay in receiving a full report.

Meanwhile, there is nothing the War Department can do or find out about this matter until it should come through the International Red Cross in Switzerland and is given to that organization by the German Government. I am, therefore, writing Mr. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, and asking him if he will make a special effort to contact the Red Cross representatives in Geneva to check everything consistently possible with the Geneva authorities and see if they can ascertain or find out any information concerning

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Again, permit me to assure you that I am tremendously interested, thoroughly sympathize with you in your sorrow and hope and pray with you for the best. I sincerely hope that we can dig up some information and that it will be favorable.

Very sincerely,

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