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Mr. Amon G. Carter,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I do not have to call the attention of a newspaper man to the current story that from 200 to 400 American officers from Oflag 64 got loose and probably are within the Russian lines. I have cabled Averell Harriman about this. Probably you have already called upon Senator Connally for help in getting the list of names. I understand the War Department has a list of 27 names of which the New York papers carry about half a dozen, presumably those from this area.

Thank you very much for your letter of the 16th with information. We have heard from Mac as late as December 27 when he reported a turkey dinner from the Red Cross. This came some time ago, since which we have been receiving mail of earlier dates.

The news that those still prisoners are being marched westward is disquieting to say the least. Mac has flat feet and could never have passed an army physical if he hadn't bluffed his way through. I doubt if he could stand up to much foot marching and I do not picture a group of American boys marching across northern Germany in the winter time if it is true, as stated by Captain Gruenberg, released from Oflag 64, that "The German policy seemed to be to starve you and walk you during the first few days to make you so weak that only a light guard would be required to prevent your escape."

I join you in your hope and prayer that these boys will soon be home with us again.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Mann

