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Mr. Amon G. Carter,  
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Dear Mr. Carter:

Have you heard anything further from or about your son in Oflag 64? Our latest letter from Mac is dated January 3d. If it is true, as stated in the newspapers, that several hundred boys escaped from Oflag 64 on January 22 and are within the Russian lines, why has there been no further news about them? The newspapers have stated that the War Department knew of 27 names and yet no such list of 27 names has been published in New York that I have seen. My newspaper friends have given me the names of several boys who escaped, and these names have not been published nor have their families heard anything from the War Department.

I don't understand the secrecy of the whole thing. Perhaps there is some security reason involved, but it all seems pretty mysterious and I must say, highly unsatisfactory. Your sources of information are so much greater than the rest of us, I have ventured a hope that you might know more about who got away and where the rest of them have been taken.

I hate to bother you with my worries but I am writing you on a hunch because of the receipt this morning of a letter from my oldest boy in Italy, sending me a picture postcard of the Savoy Hotel and Cleopatra's Needle in London which he says you gave him at dinner there in the fall of 1942 and which he found lately when digging out his blouse -- the significance of which is that he is supposed to be en route to the United States, for which purpose something besides battle dress is required. It's more than a month since he left his outfit but I presume he will turn up some day.

Sincerely yours,

*Joe Mann*

