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361 St. John's Rd. Toronto, Canada

Dear Madam:

Please pardon the liberty that is taken, in writing to you as a stranger, but the following facts might be of interest to you.

I happened to tune in a German station on the radio, which gave out a few names of supposed prisoners of war, now in their hands. One of these was,---

"First Lieutenant John Masfield Diffly.
No. 0724150. c/o Mrs. Diffly 2310 South
21st. Street, Birmingham, Alabama."

You can see from the above, how I was able to obtain your address. As the source of this broadcast is not the most trustworthy, some reserve should be placed on their statements. However, I have set down the exact wording as heard, and you may judge its value for yourself. Naturally, I cannot know if there is any basis of truth in this information, but if some satisfaction is derived from this letter, then I have been amply repaid for my effort. No doubt the proper authorities have verified this information. If some error has been made in spelling you will realize that I have no way of checking the correct names.

Let us hope that the day of victory will soon come to the United Nations, and that these absent ones, may then return to their homes and families to enjoy an enduring peace. I am happy if some small service has been rendered and hope that direct word will soon be forthcoming.

Yours very truly,

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