OFFICE MEMORANDUM 5/8/45

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PRESS JAMES M NORTH JR

STAR TELEGRAM FTWORTH TEXAS

TELEPHONE COLONEL T. D. DRAKE WASHINGTON COLUMBIA FOUR TWO THIRTY ADVISE REMAINING OFFICERS FROM OFLAG 64 SAFE BEING RELEASED OR ALREADY FREE.

AMON G CARTER

Columbia 318P

May 7, 1945.

Col. Thomas D. Drake, 1744 R St. N. W. WASHINGTON.

My dear Colonel:

I haven't much idea what time I talked to you-- whether it was Saturday night or early Sunday morning. I do know it was a rather ungodly hour to get anybody on the 'phone and I am sure my explanation and apology over the 'phone were quite inadequate. Hence this letter.

I came in from my farm about five o'clock Saturday afternoon and was notified of a cable from Mr. Carter, which had been received a couple of hours earlier. It gave your 'phone number and I had our operator immediately put in a call for you. I received frequent reports of inability to get your number. Then, after I had retired, I had a call from our operator that there had been a mistake somewhere along the line; Washington had been ringing the wrong number and finally had obtained your connection.

Knowing from Mr. Carter all you did for the boys in Oflag 64 and your great interest in them, I could well appreciate your great relief upon knowing they were all free.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,