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Mr. Amon Carter
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My dear Mr. Carter:

I don't know whether I wrote you that my boy, Keith, is in Oflag 9A/Z, Germany, which, as you doubtless know, is a camp for officer prisoners of war. I hope, sincerely, that your boy is in the same camp.

I understand that up until now there have been no exchanges of prisoners with the Axis powers, except wounded men. Certainly, no one of us would like to bring any pressure to bear, in an attempt to have our military authorities do something that would hurt our efforts. On the other hand, I have talked with some persons who ought to know, and it generally seems to be the opinion that an exchange of unwounded prisoners would not help the Axis powers any more than it would help us. It has also occurred to me that if the proper approach were made to the proper people, that it might be possible to get some exchange arrangement worked out. Our mutual friend, Tom Connally, in his position as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, could doubtless be of assistance there. I understand that in the past Germany has definitely refused to exchange unwounded prisoners, but it would seem probable that as their manpower shortage grows more acute, they might be willing to consent to this. If you care to write me your views on the subject, I should be glad to take the matter up further. I have some friends here, one of whom in particular, whose son is in the same camp with Keith, who might be of assistance.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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