THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 14, 1942

Dear Amon:

I should like very much to furnish the letter which you request for your son, but regret that I cannot do so at the present time.

The State Department advises that it has long been the practice to decline to give personal notes of this character, and with the increasing number of American boys now serving abroad, it appears that the established practice in regard to matters of this character should continue to be adhered to.

I am very sorry that I am unable to send you a more favorable reply, but I feel sure that you will appreciate and understand the situation confronting me.

With warm personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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