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Prisoners of War

Respectfully referred to the  
officials of the Department of Defense for  
consideration and further reply.

WILLIAM D. HASSETT  
Secretary to the President

Ltr. to Pres. dated March 20, 1952  
From: Mrs. Ray D. Stewart,  
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California.

Behf of her only son Sgt. 1-c Richard H. Stewart declared missing in action  
in Korea Nov. 30/50 but his wife has had two letters from in Aug. 1951 saying  
he was a POW; yet his name was not on the POW published list; anxious for some  
information.

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Missing Members

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My dear Mrs. Stewart:

The President asks me to thank you for your letter of March twentieth with the enclosed folders. He is glad that you felt free to express your thoughts to him, as no one has a deeper concern than he for the mothers and fathers of our servicemen. He can indeed understand your anxiety over the welfare of your son, Sergeant Richard H. Stewart, and the President is not unmindful of what this means to you. Your letter is being passed along to the officials of the Department of Defense.

May I tell you that no stone is being left unturned to bring about a peaceable conclusion to the negotiations in Korea, which of course include the exchange of Prisoners of War. But it does take patience and time for such an involved program. However, it is the President's firm belief that this conflict in Korea will be over when the Communists realize that the free nations of the world, including the United States will not submit to their plans of conquest.

You probably realize that these troublous times also greatly add to the President's burdens, and he needs the prayers and understanding of all of us. It is, therefore, a source of additional strength to him to learn that you are sustaining him in his efforts through a remembrance in your prayers. For this he is deeply grateful.

Very sincerely yours,

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