July 13th, 1940

Dear Al,

I received safely, through the Consul, the two Powers of Attorney which you had made and also, direct from a Swiss Bank the money that you asked him to have transferred. We are still hoping that you will be soon released and the Consul also said that arrangements were being made to have you transferred to another camp where there are other American prisoners. That, at any rate, should make things pleasanter.

I hope that by this time you have received a package or so from us. We have another request for authorization to export under way, this time the package being sent by Anny Spillmann, and hope that it will come through soon. The stuff is already to send.

We yesterday wired to Helen asking her to try and come to us. She said that the Halghs were with her but that they wanted to get back to their house. In fact it wasn't exactly clear what Herbie intended and we asked her to wire their definite plans, if any. Helen is well but naturally misses you terribly and says she is a lost soul. She apparently has written you often but thinks you cannot have received them. Anyway she knows by now from us about you and we have forwarded your letter to her. If we could get her in here it would be the best thing of all and I feel pretty sure that we can work it. We are now awaiting her reply.

The thing that has of course worried her the most is that for so long she has heard from none. Now we can act as go-betweens and pass on news at least. Thank goodness that I was able to wire her again today some good news of little Helen and the children. You will be delighted as she to hear it. I got a telegram from Dick this morning, in reply to a long one from us, saying that Helen and the babies had already arrived in Canada on their way to Winnetka. Good old Dick, its going to be hard for him, but that was the right thing for him to do. Jean and I feel immensely relieved.

We got a letter from your Mother this morning written about a week ago and sent air mail. Evidently Fred, if he received my long letter, has not told her anything about you and Helen. She seems to think that you are both in Paris still. I think I wrote you that I had written your brother a long letter and asked him to use his judgement about telling your Mother. Apparently our wire to Dick brought them their first news of you both.

Jean and our two youngsters are very well and if we could only all get together again everything would be perfect. Well, it won't be long now - lets hope!!

So long, Al, and count on us to do all we possibly can.

Love from us all,
Dear [Name],

I was delighted to receive your letter and read about your recent trip to [Location]. I am very interested in hearing more details about your travels and the places you visited.

Your description of the local cuisine sounded delicious. I would love to try some of those dishes when I get the chance to visit [Location].

I also appreciated your insights into the local culture and history. It is fascinating to learn about different traditions and how they influence daily life.

Thank you for sharing your experiences with me. I look forward to hearing more about your adventures.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]