Mr. Alfred Thomson  
U.S. Consul General  
Dresden  

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Dear Mr. Thomson,

Yesterday the Berlin representative of the International Red Cross of Geneva visited the camp on a tour of inspection. He brought us a message from Herr Rottenham of the Berlin High Command that everything is now in order and our departure is sure and only a question of days now and asking us to be patient a few days longer. He also added that he knew nothing about the route we are to follow but understood this question was being handled by you.

He was not clear as to whether the choice of route is to be decided by you or whether this question has been settled and you are merely arranging the details.

It is two weeks today since you were here and we thought then it was only a question of days. We are naturally anxious and worried and nervous and so I am writing just to confirm to you that our principal desire is to be released the earliest possible moment. While we all would appreciate being allowed a few days in Paris to collect our personal effects and arrange our business affairs, we would not wish you to do anything in this connection which might possibly complicate our
situation or in any way jeopardize or even delay our departure.

I know you already understand the situation and are doing your best so please excuse my writing you again but believe me it is only to make our position regarding this question of route absolutely clear and so avoid any possible misunderstanding which might exist and also to let you know about Herr Rottermann's courteous message so that you can take any action you can in order to expedite our departure. Many thanks again for all your trouble on our behalf.

Yours Very Truly,

Major A.W. Raymond
Secretary
American Volunteers Ambulance Corps.