

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D. C.**

August 2, 1945

Mrs. Katherine T. Quinn  
505 South Madison St.  
Ottumwa, Iowa

My dear Mrs. Quinn:

Congressman LeCompte has written me from Iowa with reference to your son, Corp. George P. Quinn, who has been missing in action over the Adriatic since March 16, 1945, and enclosed a letter addressed to you from a Miss J. Kozenka. He asked me to check again with the War Department and particularly inquire whether any American boys are being held by the Russians, as Miss Kozenka suggests.

As you recall, Mr. LeCompte made inquiry of The Adjutant General about your son, before he left for Iowa. General Witsell sent the Congressman a copy of the letter he wrote you in which he expressed sorrow that your son's bomber was not contacted after 11 a.m. on March 16, 1945, although the military is continuing its efforts to ascertain the exact status and whereabouts of your son and others who are reported as missing. He also stated that all of our personnel liberated by the Russians have been returned to the military control of our forces and the family concerned has been advised.

Mr. LeCompte appreciates your anxiety about your boy, and on his request I am personally contacting The Office of the Chief of Staff in the hope that his office will be able to advise us about American boys who may be held by the Russians. As soon as a report is received, you will be promptly informed.

May I join Mr. LeCompte in expressing sympathy to you in this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret P. Welsh*  
Secretary

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