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APO 403

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My dear Ike:



I wrote a personal letter in the enclosed wording to each Corps Commander and to the Chief of Staff, which I believe was in line with your idea.

It may interest you to know that the very talkative, alleged former member of the murder camp was recognized by a Russian prisoner as a former guard. The prisoner beat his brains out with a rock.

We have found at a place four miles north of WEIMAR a similar camp, only much worse. The normal population was 25,000, and they died at the rate of about a hundred a day. The burning arrangements, according to General Gay and Colonel Codman who visited it yesterday, were far superior to those which they had at OHRDRUF.

I told the press to go up there and see it, and then write as much about it as they could. I also called General Bradley last night and suggested that you send selected individuals from the upper strata of the press to look at it, so that you can build up another page of the necessary evidence as to the brutality of the Germans.

We all enjoyed your visit very much.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. S. Patton, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

G. S. PATTON, JR.

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