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O t t a w a,
July 8, 1940.

Judge McGibbon,
Judge's Chambers,
Lindsay, Ont.

My dear Judge McGibbon:

I have yours of 2nd. I quite imagine your feelings. Letters of a hundred varieties arrive daily and nearly all of them are heart-breaking.

It is a tragedy that we are in a position where there can be any question about meeting the very reasonable request you make on behalf of young Wallace Barton.

I have thought carefully over your suggestion to me to intervene, and really I cannot think where I can do so. Am afraid it would not help for me to speak to Mr. Power. This is not because the relations between us are not good; in fact, I have a very good opinion of the Minister of Defence for Air. While not confident that I can be of real effect, I am going to find some method of approaching him, through another who would probably have a better chance of being useful.

It is just terrible that Canada's contribution is already so small that one's appeal for release of a single man, even under the most extraordinary circumstances, can seem to be possible of refusal.

Very sincerely yours,

AM/E.

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