United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mrs. Jessie S. Calnon, Meridian, Idaho

Dear Mrs. Calnon:

I have just learned that your son, Mark, has been reported missing in action with the United States Army. I know that you will be besieged with anxiety and fear until you know what has befallen him, and I surely hope that you will receive word soon that he has been found safe and well.

I know, also, that words of mine can mean little to you at such a time. However, I simply want to tell you that those of us who are left at home are humbly aware of the enormous debt we owe the young men who are risking their lives for us, and to their parents who are giving their sons to our country. I only hope that we can be worthy of their gallantry, and yours, in the days that are to come, and that, because of their heroism, we can make their dream of a better world come true.

Sincerely yours

D. WORTH CLARK