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**Casement to Mrs. Gaffney**

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My dear Mrs. Gaffney,

 Very many thanks for your letter – and for all your kindnesses to the men here. They need it – poor chaps. Their long period in hopeless idleness is so disastrous for them in every way – and any kindness shown them like yours is a real act of good.

 I have been and am very unwell and hope to get a complete change soon – Thank you about the trunk – I don't know if you had to pay anything for it – please let me know, as I can't tell here.

 I think you had better open it – and take out the books. All but one are your husband’s, and should go back into his bookshelves – the one that is mine I give him too – so all can go.

 There is a suit of clothes – I forgot to mention it – put in as packing to keep the books from shaking.

 It ought to be taken out and hung up, as it is a useful suit in summer – and will get spoiled in the trunks. Otherwise everything should stay in the trunks – papers and all just as they are – till I claim them or if that never happens for any reason, then to go to my friend in Philadelphia at the end of the war –

His name is

 Joseph McGarrity

 5412 Springfield Avenue

 Philadelphia, Pa.

 All my papers I have in Germany I want to go to him if I die “in my tracks” – and in order that no trouble should ever arise I want you to know and be able to deal privately without any legal powers &c. &c. which are always such a nuisance.

 I am very grateful to you and all those kind friends in Munich – please thank them again warmly for all they helped to do to brighten the lot of these poor Irish boys here in exile, if ever men were in exile.

 I hope you will very soon hear from St. John – and that it will be very god news indeed. Things look so much better in U.S.A. of late – ever since Congress met.

 If only peace would come back to the world and the hearts of men, how mighty would be the change!

 All kind thought and thanks for you – and for the “family”.

 I hope they are flourishing – and glad to have them back.

 Yours very sincerely,

 Roger Casement