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Office Commissary-General of Prisoners,

Washington, D. C. May 6, 1864.

Col. W. P. Richardson,

Commanding Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio:

Colonel: It is possible that from circumstances which may soon occur more than ordinary vigilance will be required from the troops in charge of prisoners of war to insure their security and their proper observance of orders, and you are therefore cautioned to put your command in a condition to meet any emergency. Your daily guards must have a full compliment of officers and the guard duty must be performed in the strictest manner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. Hoffman,

Colonel Third Infantry and Commissary-General of Prisoners.

(A copy of the above letter was also sent to Col. P. A. Porter, commanding Fort McHenry.)

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War Department, Washington City, October 27, 1864.

Brigadier-General Morris,

Commanding Fort McHenry, Baltimore:

It is reported to this Department that many persons are allowed to visit prisoners at Fort McHenry and that this is accomplished under pretext of social visits, during which occasion is taken by visitors to hold intercourse with prisoners. If such thing has occurred heretofore see that it does not do so again.

E. M. Stanton,

Secretary of War.

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Fort McHenry, October 27, 1864.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

Social visiting by Southern sympathizers at my post is positively prohibited. They come to my office and are never permitted to see or hold intercourse with prisoners save by your order. A few days ago a large number were brought from Sheridan's army and some citizens, relatives and sympathizers, got in with them undiscovered. In a short time this was reported to me and I instantly issued an order revoking all passes and prohibiting any intercourse with the city during the period prisoners were here in transit to Point Lookout. Your instructions for my future guidance will be strictly observed.

W. W. Morris,

Brigadier-General.