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Mr. Forter I, S, gat his Box The first one that we sent We sent Thursday a week Will you get even gh of money on the rent of that parefer This fall of S. A

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November 15, 1863

Addressed Miss Frank P. Porter

Clinton, Dewitt County, Illinois

Libby Prison Richmond Va

Nov 15 1683

Dear friend Frank. Yours of Oct 25 is at hand. I am well and have as good a time generally as one is my "fix" would be supposed to. Well Frank, I am sorry to hear you say you have so large a school for you will kill yourself? & I don't think you had best do that. I remember the many times that you and I have enjoyed ourselves together. Happy Days. I have not changed in my feelings of kindness & friendship for you. Well may you have good success in your occupation.

I believe you would make a good soldier; get up a company & come out & join us (not in Libby). I know that your will is good enough, but I'd advise you to stay at home. My mind is calm. I should like to hear from all my friends, especially from you.

How long do you suppose I will have to remain in this prison. Pray that God would release us. The most I fear is the breaking out of a pestilent disease amongst us. Give yourself no uneasiness about me. I am safe as a soldier generally is.

Give my love to all my friends especially to your fathers family. From your friend. T.S.