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Dear Mr. Corben,

Thanks kindly for your most welcome letter. I just got back from the Rockford Fly-In and it was here.

First let me answer your questions. With respect to building some J3 Cub parts, I think that you are certainly on the right road. Mounts cowls and landing gear V's are very scarce. I need three Continental mounts right now and could sell several right hand landing gear V's. I would most certainly offer them and sell all I could for you. On wheel fairings, I hav'nt actually had any calls but I would like to list them if you will give me the price and other necessary information.

This year there were six Baby Ace and two Junior Aces at Rockford. Next year I hope it will be better. I ran into Jack Rose who built the Rose Parakeet and had a nice long talk with him. I ran into many fellows who are building Aces are thinking about building, and I sold a few sets of plans.

On this trip I also went on up to Tommyhawk, Wisconsin and picked up the remains of the original D model Baby Ace. Actually I have everything except the wings and it is in good shape. The ends were knocked off of both wings in a ground lock a couple of years ago. I plan to build a new set of wings for this ship this winter. It will give me a ship just exactly like the plans I am selling.

I am glad to see that you are building your original Baby Ace up. I ran into Hal Thompson of Lake Worth, Florida at the Fly-In. He was interested in your ship and has talked to you about it. He told me that if you had not sold it by the time he got a couple of other airplanes he has rebuilt, that he was going to buy it. I am glad you are rebuilding it. I want it but I just don't have a place to put it.

Another thing I picked up while in Wisconsin was one of your original brochures---the 20 page booklet showing a lot of your airplanes. That was a real find.

Now on to another matter. I believe that I told you previously that the plans for the Junior Ace Model E are not quite complete in that they lack drawings for the wing struts, tail brace wires, gas tank, fairing, engine mount and a few other minor items. What I am wondering is if you

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still do any drawing and, if so, could you squeeze in time to finish these up for me. I have most of the information it just has to be drawn up. I also need a good three view of this model. I have considered redrawing the entire set of plans as they are not quite as good as the Baby Ace drawings. The wings would not be included as they are the same drawings for both ships. Let me know what you think on this and if you could do it.

If I ran into a worthwhile young man I will sure refer him to you. You are sure the fellow who could teach them.

Let me hear from you.

Best Regards,

Thurman