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Dear Carl,

Thanks kindly for your nice letter and for the Baby Ace photographs, the drawing of the Tomahawk Scout and for the other information.

Carl, your name does still appear as engineer on most of the Baby Ace drawings, and it will remain there. On the wing drawings the initials, C. J. D. appear, but on the rest of the sheets it is your name.

I sort of thought all along that you were the one who did most of the redesign work on the Baby Ace and I am glad to have you confirm that fact for me.

I have all of the dies, jigs and other tooling that you designed and made up. Most of these things were in bad shape when I got them as Mr. Jacob took very poor care of them. I now have most of them cleaned up.

Carl, did you folks ever completely finish the Jr. Ace plans? I was advised that they were never completely finished and Mr. Jacob was selling them that way. I hope to finish them or to get someone to do it for me.

With reference to your Baby Ace, would you consider accepting an Aeronca Defender in trade for about half of the money. This airplane has been mostly rebuilt but there are still a few odds and ends to be done to get it relicensed and flying. I would also include an extra set of wings for this airplane. If you would be interested I will get some photos made of what I have and give you more details.

I now have most of the Baby Ace wing material on hand and have shipped a few orders. I am getting 20 to 25 letters a week asking about the Baby Ace. I have sold a few sets of plans.

Carl if you know of any wholesale sources for the following items I would greatly appreciate hearing about them: Landing gear shock strut springs; Right and Left landing gear V's; Gas tank necks with caps and cub type guage; rudder pedal return springs; Cub engine cowlings.

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You know, after working on your tools for the past 90 days I feel like I know you and it was sure a pleasure to hear from you. You sure did a fine job on the Baby Ace and it was a shame that Mr. Jacob let the thing get run down so. I am going to do everything I possibly can to make it the best selling homebuilt in the world.

I talked to Ace Corben on the telephone the other night and plan to visit him in Florida in a few weeks. He just bought himself a Baby Ace and is planning to put floats on it.

Let me hear from you.

Best Regards,


Thurman Baird