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Dear Suzy,

Thank you so much for taking the time to send me such a meaningful and thoughtful letter about the Excalibur III book. Aside from knowing that your father received and was enthusiastic about the book, I cannot think of a better acknowledgement of my work than was expressed in your letter. I became very close to the airplane and the man in preparing this book along with my responsibility in having the airplane restored correctly, yet the perspectives expressed in your letter makes all this even more valuable to me. You were so nice in sharing these thoughts with me and taking the time to do so.

A few days after receiving your letter we departed for a week in the Virgin Islands. I hope you do not mind that I shared your letter with Maureen, for I knew it would please her very much. I also learned that you had written an equally as appreciated letter to her. All this was very timely.

I am so pleased to have been able to meet you last September, but we all regret the circumstances. Having met you and Chris-- the two children in the pictures of your father's triumph, I can relate even more to those historic happenings.

I regret that I was unable to have personally taken all of you to Silver Hill and to have shown the airplane to you in person. I heard of your plan to visit the airplane but the press of things at the time prevented me from leaving the office. I hope that the next time you visit Washington that Excalibur III will be in the place of honor that it belongs, down town in the main building. This is planned, but not before September when the West Gallery is to be cleared and this and other historic airplanes moved in.

Do contact me when you come to Washington again. My thanks to you for your thoughtful letter. Ramona asked that I remember her to you.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Mikesh