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Dear Suzanne,

I do not know if the word has been passed to you from Maureen or the Museum Director; Don Engen, but he has reversed someone's decision and has now directed that Excalibur III be brought to the new Dulles Center to be there on the opening date of December 2003.

After learning of his earlier decision, I reminded Don of the many things that were available that were of historical and archival value in support of the airplane and relating to your father's flying career. He should acquire these from Maureen, but unless the airplane were moved to NASM, there would be little chance. Don obviously saw this historical value, so used their acquisition as an exchange in moving the airplane. Maureen was more than willing and anxious to part with these items if this move were made, so all of this appears to be coming to pass.

I know that if you had not heard of this, that you would be glad to receive this news. It appears that all of your efforts have not been in vain after all. Thanks again for your very persuasive letter that obviously had merit when rethinking this decision by the director. I am informing Chris and Lee as well.

Regards,



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