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Mr. Thurman G. Baird Ace Aircraft Mfg. Co. 106 Arthur Road Asheville, N. C. 28806

Dear Thurman:

I received your letter of September 22nd regarding the Baby Ace article that is appearing in the October issue of Mechanix Illustrated.

You are correct in stating that I called you regarding Mechanix Illustrated's intent on doing an article on the original Baby Ace "C" that I designed back in 1954. However, it was not a few weeks ago but I called you on June 15, 1973 and told you that I still had retained the rights for the plans of the Baby Ace "C" - the original which have not been offered to the public for sale for some 15 years. You offered no opposition at the time we discussed the matter. When talking with you I assumed, which was an error on my part, that Mechanix Illustrated was going to do a bit more depth on the Baby Ace up through the "D" model, both single and two place. In fact, I had my staff gather a number of photos of the original and your "D" and Jr. Ace aircraft with captions, etc.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Angus Laidlaw of Mechanix Illustrated, who prepared the material, he said they were developing the article around the material they already had and some from my phone conversations. I did not review or see the article until a week ago when a copy of the October issue was forwarded to us.

We have also renamed the Baby Ace to the Pober Baby Ace "C", which was my intent for a number of years, as the design was greatly changed from the original. We have no intention of offering drawings for your Corben Baby Ace "D" or the 2 place version of the "D", the Junior Ace.

We certainly appreciate all you have done in promoting building of aircraft and of the two designs and drawings you purchased from Mr. DuCharme. I still have, I believe, the tracings for the Super Ace, but don't expect to do anything with them.

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We, at the present time, look at the Pober Baby Ace "C" as not being in competition with you and would be more than pleased to help you promote both of your late designs and materials, through a good article in Sport Aviation. We would need to know what you are offering in the materials line and details about you operation, etc. We have photos of the various aircraft in the files.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Poberezny

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