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Dear George:

I was delighted to hear from you and to receive five new names and addresses for our mailing list. If I can, I will attempt in the morning to get those names added to our new directory, which is now in production.

I shall send each of them the packet of materials you received.

As the historian for the group, I am custodian of a considerable amount of material, orders, all kinds of printed materials, books, etc., and would be most happy to add to my collection your photos and copies of any other information which originated at Thurleigh.

Since I began working on a history of the group thirteen years ago I have avidly collected copies of Special Orders. I have them on micro film from 1 Dec 43 on through the war, and for that period from 1 March 42 through 30 Nov 43, I have about 75 per cent of the published orders. These have been invaluable in tracing the personnel of the group.

When I first began this work I began assembling a card file of men, and now have about 10,000 cards. Of late I have begun retyping all of these cards to improve the data which I have and to bring it into better order. I expect this will take several years to accomplish.

Please send along anything you wish to part with and I will take good care of it. My collection will ultimately go to the Air Force Academy library for the use of succeeding generations of cadets. It has really become a unique collection.

Sincerely yours,

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