

William F. Baggerman

338 South Main Street

St. Charles, Missouri 63301

March 18, 1981

Mr. Harvey Lippincott  
P. O. Box 166  
Hebron, Conn. 06248

Dear Mr. Lippincott:

I am writing to you in connection with my telephone call to you of last Saturday.

I have enclosed photograph and copies of correspondence describing the propeller hub that I gave to the Air Force Museum.

For tax purposes I would like to get a written appraisal of the hub and for which service I would pay an appraisal fee as we discussed.

Would appreciate it if you could look at the data as soon as possible and hopefully arrive at an appraisal figure, even though you might not be able to send the written report ~~the~~ some time. Please call me collect, person to person, at 314/946-9474 when the information is available.

Sincerely,

Bill Baggerman

William F. Baggerman

338 South Main Street

St. Charles, Missouri 63301

March 31, 1981

Mr. Harvey H. Lippincott  
Box 166  
Hebron, Conn. 06248

Dear Mr. Lippincott:

Thanks for the prompt reply on the appraisal, have enclosed check for \$15.00, as per your invoice.

Unless required for your file, would appreciate return of the original print of the hub.

Have enclosed a print of an altimeter and a parachute, descriptive information is on the reverse side of each print.

Would be glad to hear from you if you might know of any, not for profit museum that would be having these items as gift.

Sincerely,

Bill Baggerman

William F. Baggerman

338 South Main Street

St. Charles, Missouri 63301

May 30, 1981

Connecticut Aviation  
Historical Society  
Bradley Air Museum  
Bradley Air Port  
Windsor Locks, CT

Gentlemen:

In letter of April 23, 1981 which I received from Mr. Harvey H. Lippincott, he indicated that the Museum was a not-for-profit organization and might be interested in the gift of an old parachute and altimeter.

I previously sent a description and photographs of this equipment to Mr. Lippincott for referral to you.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to whether you are interested in the gift of this equipment and possible value that could be placed on it in an appraisal by Mr. Lippincott.

Since I have had some other interest from another source in acquiring this equipment, I would appreciate very much an early reply from you about this. In the event you are not interested in a gift of this equipment will you please return the two photographs to me.

Sincerely yours,



**BAM**  
**BRADLEY AIR MUSEUM**

BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WINDSOR LOCKS, CONNECTICUT 06096

June 8, 1981

Mr. William F. Baggerman  
338 South Main Street  
St. Charles, Missouri - 63301

Dear Mr. Baggerman,

I have been asked to reply to your letter of May 30th to us concerning donation of your parachute and altimeter.

We are interested in your donation as items such as these are always needed to fill out displays and complete restoration of aircraft.

Concerning an evaluation from Mr. Lippincott. I suggest you contact him yourself and arrange for an evaluation. We respect his opinion very much and will most likely accept his appraisal.

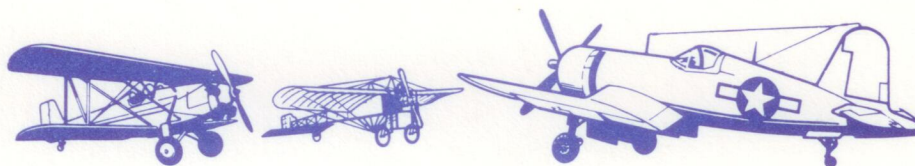
Thank you for taking the time to contact us.

Sincerely yours,  
Bradley Air Museum

Norman M. Mullings  
Curator, Propulsion Collection

P.S. 6/15/81. I am remailing this letter to you as the first mailing was returned to us for an incorrect Zip Code. I sure hope they don't get this fussy with the nine digit code as the mis-print was 63300. I hope this delay has not caused too much trouble.

Sincerely, N.M. Mullings



Telephone (203) 623-3305

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July 2, 1981

Mr. Norman M. Mullings  
Bradley Air Museum  
Bradley International Airport  
Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096

Dear Mr. Mullings:

I received your letter of June 8th in reference to my possible donation of parachute and altimeter to the Museum.

I am writing to you instead of Mr. Lippincott, as was suggested by you, because in his letter of April 3 Mr. Lippincott wrote to me that he had forwarded the photographs of the parachute and altimeter to you at the Museum. The photographs have on the reverse side the model numbers found on the parachute cover.

I am hoping it will be possible for you to contact Mr. Lippincott and let him have the photographs and request that he make an appraisal of the two items of equipment. I will pay for his appraisal fee, as before, and would, of course, think of giving the Museum the items, assuming the appraisal is at a figure that would justify the transfer.

Very truly yours,

Wm. F. Baggerman  
338 So. Main Street  
St. Charles, MO 63301

WFB:gfm



August 29, 1981

Mr. Harvey H. Lippincott  
Box 166  
Hebron, Conn. 06248

Dear Mr. Lippincott:

I have had recent correspondence with Mr. Mullings of the Bradley Air Museum regarding the donation of my parachute to the museum. They seem interested in acquiring the 'chute, however it seems that I will need to get an appraisal at this time before making the donation. I would like to know if you can make an appraisal of the parachute, tentatively, based on the photograph I have previously sent you with the understanding that this appraisal would be confirmed or revised, subject to actual physical inspection of the equipment.

The parachute has the following markings on it:

CAATC 151  
Made by Switlik Parachute Co.  
Trenton, N. J.  
Manufacturer's #11112  
Manufacture date: March '41.

The parachute is packed now and has the rigger's card indicating it was last packed August 7, 1950.

I have enclosed another photograph in the event the original one I sent is not available to you.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure



August 29, 1981

Mr. Truman Weaver, Curator  
Wedell-Williams Memorial Aviation Museum  
Patterson, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Weaver:

I am a member of the Aeronautical Society of St. Louis and in a recent issue read of your museum.

I have a Switlik Paracute in excellent condition, as illustrated in the enclosed photograph, with the following description:

CAATC 151  
Made by Switlik Parachute Co.  
Trenton, N. J.  
Manufacturer's #11112  
Manufacture date: March '41.

I would like to know if your museum qualifies as a tax-exempt institution and as such if you would be interested in the donation of this paracute.

I realize a donor can not make an appraisal of a gift, however I would like to know if you know or could have someone express a tentative opinion, subject to the physical inspection of the parachute I have described above.

I would be glad to hear from you if the museum would have an interest in the above-described gift.

Very truly yours,

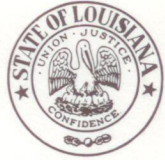
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PAUL J. HARDY  
SECRETARY

Department of Transportation and Development  
OFFICE OF AVIATION AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

WEDELL - WILLIAMS MEMORIAL AVIATION MUSEUM OF LOUISIANA  
P.O. BOX 655, PATTERSON, LOUISIANA 70392



DAVID C. TREEN  
GOVERNOR

September 9, 1981

Mr. William F. Baggerman  
338 South Main Street  
St. Charles, MO 63301

Dear Bill:

I must admit that from '77 until now I made very few of the St. Louis meetings --  
But I really enjoyed the ones I attended. Enjoyed the ones under the bank the  
best.

Reference your "SWITLIK", we are interested and could put a \$500 tag on it --  
without appraisal. If you can get an appraisal, let me know and I will go to  
the Board with it. *IT WOULD BE A TAX WRITE-OFF.*

Either my wife or I get into the St. Louis area every two or three months and  
we could pick it up, rather than ship it.

Sincerely,

*Truman C. Weaver*  
Truman C. Weaver  
Museum Curator

TCW:mj



WM. F. BAGGERMAN  
338 SO. MAIN ST.  
ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

October 2, 1981

Curator,  
Air & Space Museum  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am the owner of a "Switlik" seat-pack type parachute, as  
I have described below:

CAATC 151  
Made by Switlik Parachute Co.  
Trenton, N. J.  
Manufacturer's #11112  
Manufacture date: March '41

I would be glad to know if the Museum would be interested in  
a gift of this parachute, assuming the chute and harness are in  
good clean packed condition.

An important factor to me in making the gift would be your  
ability to suggest to me a qualified appraiser for this para-  
chute.

If you are interested and can suggest an appraiser I would be  
happy to go further in this matter of the gift with you.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wm. F. Baggerman

October 2, 1981

Truman C. Weaver, Curator  
Wedell-Williams Aviation Museum  
P. O. Box 655  
Patterson, Louisiana 70392

Dear Pappy:

I received your letter of September 9, 1981 in connection with my earlier letter regarding possible donation of my "Switlik" parachute to your museum.

You mentioned possible interest and a possible value of \$500. for the parachute, assuming good condition and actual inspection. I would probably be willing to give the parachute to the museum if the question of obtaining a qualified appraisal can be answered. Based upon the photographs and information I sent in my earlier letter would it be possible for you to obtain an appraiser, and if so, what would be the fee for this service.

Would appreciate hearing from you regarding an appraiser or an appraised amount and, of course, would be happy to try to go further in this matter of the gift.

Very truly yours,





## BRADLEY AIR MUSEUM

Bradley International Airport  
Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096 (203) 623-3305

October 5, 1981

Mr. William F. Baggerman  
338 South Main Street  
St. Charles, Missouri -63301

Dear Mr. Baggerman,

In talking with Mr. Lippincott recently, he informed me that he has not contacted you in regards to an appraisal due to the heavy work load he has been under.

Since he was leaving for Europe on a business trip and would be gone most of a month, he asked me to relay an appraisal to you on his behalf.

He has evaluated the items as follows:

1. Consolidated altimeter, no. 1623, for Buhl "Flying Bull Pup". \$100.00.
2. Switlik Safety Chute, s/n 11112. \$500.00.

On behalf of the C.A.H.A. and the Museum I can say we will accept this evaluation, pending your agreement.

Sincerely yours,  
Bradley Air Museum.

*Norman M. Mullings*

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Curator, Propulsion Collection

NMM/c.c O'Keefe



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DAVID C. TREEN  
GOVERNOR

October 7, 1981

Mr. William F. Baggerman  
338 South Main St.  
St. Charles, MO 63301

Dear Bill:

Sorry I mis-led you on the reply concerning the "SWITLIK" Parachute. We will place a value of \$500 on the parachute--plus after receiving it we will get it appraised and if it is greater than \$500 we will furnish a form with the new valuation. In any case it will be at least \$500, that will be the minimum value.

As far as shipping, if you decided to do so, it can be sent by UPS or I have a son in St. Louis and he could haul it over to New Baden or my son in New Baden is in the area often. My wife will be making another trip to Illinois during the end of Oct. and she could haul it back--And both of us will be there at Christmas time. Either would beat the income tax date.

CONTACTS:

Steve Weaver - Home phone 894-3148 Office: 781-4030??  
Kathi McDonal - (Chan #4) CBS-621-2345 (Steve's Wife)  
Their Address: 206 N. Grover Rd. - St. Louis  
Mike Weaver - New Baden, IL 618-588-3841 (Old J.B. Officer Qts)  
Museum phone - 504/395-7067 Home 504-395-6518

Thank-you for your interest.

T. C. Weaver  
"PAPPY"  
Museum Curator

TCW:mj





October 15, 1981

Mr. William F. Baggerman  
338 South Main Street  
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

Dear Mr. Baggerman:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, and your offer to donate the 1941 Switlik seat-type parachute harness.

If the chute and harness are complete and in good condition, we would be pleased to accept them for inclusion in the National Aeronautical Collection. Enclosed is a postage and fees paid mailing label to facilitate sending the parachute. Please send it by registered mail to insure its safe arrival.

The Smithsonian is not authorized to give appraisals of value. We do not know of a qualified appraiser for this type of material in your area and suggest that you contact the American Society of Appraisers at the following address for information:

American Society of Appraisers  
11800 Sunrise Valley Drive  
Reston, Va. 22091

In the event that no appraiser specializing in aviation memorabilia is located in your area, you might consider sending a photograph and full information to the following member of the society, who can probably provide an appraisal by mail:

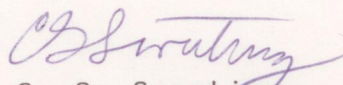
Mr. Stefan A. Cavallo, A.S.A.  
Aerospace Equipment Appraiser  
1495 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10028  
Phone: (212) 288-5050

Mr. Baggerman  
10/15/81  
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If you have any information concerning the history or use of this particular parachute, or a handbook describing the chute, we would also appreciate receiving this.

We will look forward to receiving the parachute and will write again at that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "C. G. Sweeting", with a stylized flourish at the end.

C. G. Sweeting  
Curator of Flight Materiel  
Aeronautics

Enclosures



October 31, 1981

Mr. Stefan A. Cavallo, A.S.A.  
Aerospace Equipment Appraiser  
1495 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10028

Dear Mr. Cavallo:

I was referred to you by Mr. C. G. Sweeting, Curator of Flight Materiel Aeronautics of the National Air & Space Museum.

I am considering donating a Switlik Parachute, as More fully described in attached letter of October 2nd to the National Air & Space Museum. I have also enclosed photograph of the parachute with this letter. Parachute is in good, clean condition and remains as packed by a parachute rigger quite a few years ago, as carried by me in flight.

I would like to know your fee for the appraisal of this parachute which I would give to the Museum.

In the event that the photograph and description is not sufficient I would like to get a tentative idea of the appraisal value, subject to your possible inspection of the equipment at the Museum.

Very truly yours,

WFB:gfm  
Enclosures

November 14, 1981

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Mr. Stefan A. Cavallo  
1495 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10028

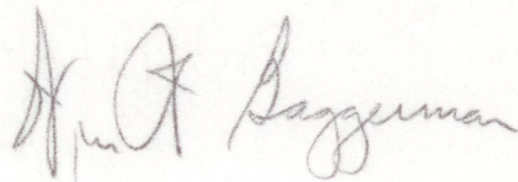
Dear Mr. Cavallo:

In connection with our telephone conversation of several days ago I have enclosed my check #539 in the amount of \$30.00, appraisal fee for the seat pack parachute that I plan to give to the National Air and Space Museum.

The following is descriptive material that you requested for use in making the appraisal:

All webbing is in good condition and not frayed.  
All metal fittings are unbent and free of corrosion  
Uniquely, the last packing service tag remains attached and indicates that the chute was packed 8/7/50 by the Salem Air Service, Salem, Illinois.  
Cloth pocket on seat pad still contains the log of packing on earlier dates by J. B. Howard Parachute Service, St. Louis, MO.  
Harness has two large snap hooks permitting it to be detached from parachute proper.  
Parachute remains in packed condition.

Sincerely,





NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20560

December 8, 1981

Mr. William F. Baggerman  
338 South Main Street  
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

Dear Mr. Baggerman:

Thank you very much for the donation of the Switlik seat-type parachute of 1941.

Complete parachutes in good condition from that period are hard to find and we are pleased to obtain it for permanent retention in the National Aeronautical Collection.

Enclosed is a Smithsonian Deed of Gift form. We would appreciate it if you would sign and date the form and return it in the envelope provided. A copy will be returned to you for your files.

Your interest in the National Air and Space Museum is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

C. G. Sweeting  
Curator of Flight Material  
Aeronautics Department

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Mr. William F. Baggerman  
338 South Main Street  
St. Charles, Missouri 63301



December 17, 1981

Mr. William F. Baggerman  
338 South Main Street  
St. Charles, MO 63301

Dear Mr. Baggerman:

Mr. Sweeting has passed your note and photograph concerning the Consolidated altimeter to me for consideration. We would like very much to have your altimeter in our collection for we have none other of this type.

As Mr. Sweeting may have pointed out to you in an earlier letter, we are unable to make appraisals for material of any kind. It would not be our place to acquire an independent appraiser to do this work for you. I suggest that someone dealing in aircraft parts at your local airport may be able to do this for you. On items of relatively small value, the IRS would accept any reasonable appraisals of this type.

I am enclosing a deed of gift pertaining to your instrument. If you will sign both copies and return it with the instrument, it will be counter-signed and a copy sent to you as a record of your gift.

We appreciate your interest in the National Air and Space Museum and look forward to receiving the altimeter.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Mikesh  
Curator of Aircraft  
Aeronautics

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