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Box 2160 • 692-1200
ABILENE, TEXAS 79604

July 7, 1970

General Charles E. Yeager
Mr. Nikolaus Schües

Dear Chuck and Nik:

Sorry to address this letter to both of you but I am trying to save time for, as Chuck says, "that delightful morsel of plunder".

Nik, I am extremely interested in both you and Chuck finding time to get acquainted with one another and hope that Glennis and Li can also.

Chuck, Nik suggests that you order the car for Ed Oliphant because they are manufactured closer to Ramstein than to Hamburg. If you would be nice enough to do this for Ed, I certainly would appreciate it, and Nik has agreed to arrange it's transportation to Costa Rica.

Ed would like to order the car as per the enclosure and Elayne would prefer either gray or blue in color, in that order.

Ed has asked me to have you let me know when payment needs to be made and if you will be nice enough to do this, I will see that the check arrives promptly.

Nik, assuming that your connections need the freight paid in advance, at the proper time, please let me know the amount and I will see it is mailed to you promptly.

You both are surely "going out of your way" for the benefit of Elayne and Ed and for them I thank you.

Warmest personal regards to you both and I sincerely suggest that you meet one another as soon as possible.

As ever,

mal

cc: Mr. Ed Oliphant

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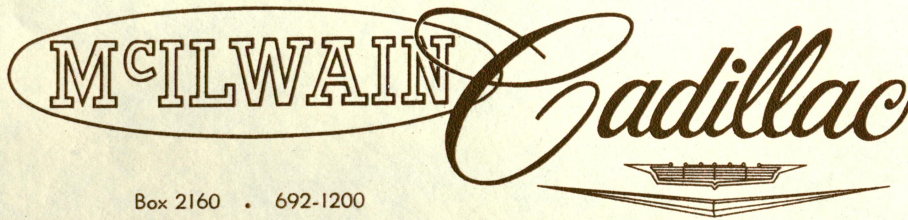
MERCEDES REIMBURSE

117 tax.

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White Gray, Cool.

Blue. Code 135 ^{#3000}

3000 Miles



Box 2160 . 692-1200
ABILENE, TEXAS 79604

July 8, 1970

Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager
Office of the Vice Commander
Headquarters, 17th Air Force
APO New York 09012

Dear Chuck:

I am sure that you will remember General Al Luedecke and will be pleased to know that he is now the President of Texas A & M University.

General Luedecke flew up to Abilene last week to purchase a new car from us and I had the opportunity to show him the 20-gauge over-and-under that you got for me. He would, if it is possible for you to get another one, like to have the identical gun. You will remember that the barrels are improved cylinder and modified.

I am enclosing my check to cover the cost and assuming that it is too much, (dammit) don't buy me any more salad bowls with the difference.

You can figure out, I hope, a way to get the gun to Abilene and I will see that it gets to General Luedecke.

In advance, let me thank you for doing this favor for him. Love to you and Glennis.

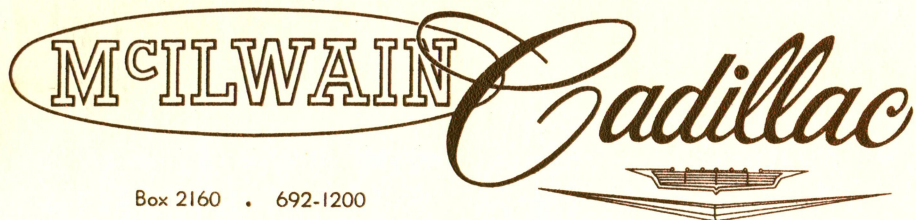
Sincerely,

A. M. McIlwain

AMMC:mj

Enclosure

cc: General A. R. Luedecke



Box 2160 . 692-1200
ABILENE, TEXAS 79604

August 10, 1970

Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager
Office of the Vice Commander
Headquarters, 17th Air Force
APO New York 09012

Dear Chuck:

Thanks for your two letters that just arrived and also for ordering the 200D Mercedes for Ed Oliphant.

I am enclosing my check for \$250.00 for the down payment to reimburse you for the payment and, in turn, Ed will return it to me.

If it isn't too late, Ed's wife, Elayne, would like to add air conditioning. If it is too late please don't worry about it.

As per your request, I am returning the purchase order and will send copies to both Ed and Nik Schues.

I am most anxious for you and Nik to get acquainted since you both are such good friends of mine. Nik's address is F. Laeiss Co., 2 Hamburg 11, Germany, and his telephone number is 36 881.

You will be interested to know that we buried my Mother, Molly, on Thursday, July 30, but it is a blessing to know that even at her age she played 21 holes of golf the day she died, without using a cart.

Also, I am sure you will be interested to know that the former Marie Jennings and I were married in the Methodist Church Friday, August 7, with the blessings of both Mick and her son, Jerry.

I have sent a copy of your other letter to Al Luedecke in College Station with reference to the purchase of the gun.

Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager

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August 10, 1970

My love to both Glennis and you. Many, many thanks for these favors. I hope that Marie and I can get over there while you are still there if we can find the damned time.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

mal

A. M. McIlwain

AMMC:mj

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ed Oliphant
Mr. Nik Schues

August 10, 1970

~~General A. R. Luedecke~~
~~Office of the President~~
~~Texas A. & M University~~
~~College Station, Texas 77843~~

Dear Al:

Recently I had a letter from Chuck Yeager with reference to getting your gun for you.

It seems that the price has gone up somewhat since I bought mine but I still think it is an excellent buy. Thought perhaps you would like to have a copy of his letter for your file.

My love to you and Gussie Lee and warmest regards.

Sincerely,

mf

A. M. McIlwain

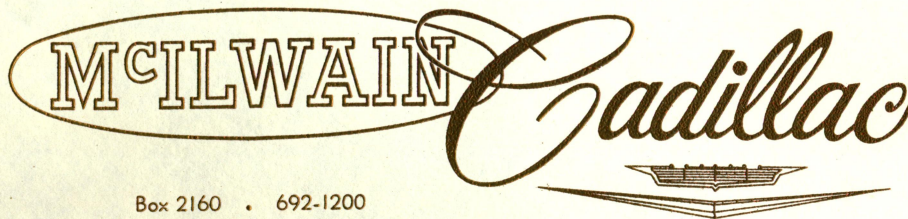
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Enclosure

cc: Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager

*Regards,
mal*

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Box 2160 • 692-1200
ABILENE, TEXAS 79604

August 28, 1970

Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager
Office of the Vice Commander
Headquarters, 17th Air Force
APO New York 09012

Dear Chuck:

Thanks for your nasty letter, you dirty old man.

Marie and I have been so busy that we have only had time so far to discuss sex. She read your letter "with a great deal of interest".

We are leaving day after tomorrow, on business only, to visit with the bank in the Bahamas on Monday and then to Costa Rica for more work.

I renewed the dove lease but for the first time in perhaps 30 years I will miss opening day. I will let General Luedecke know that you have secured his gun, and knowing that he is in no particular hurry I will advise him of this by sending him a copy of this letter, along with one of yours.

Please make a personal contact with Nik Schues and his lovely wife, Li, when you and Glennis have time.

I will be shooting doves as soon as Marie and I get back and will lie to you more about my proficiency at that time.

Sincerely,

mal

A. M. McIlwain

AMMC:mmc

cc: General Al Luedecke
Mr. Nikoalous Schues

NIKOLAUS SCHÜES
GENERALBEVOLLMÄCHTIGTER DER FIRMA

F. Laeisz

October 1, 1970
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Mr. A. M. McIlwain
McIlwain Cadillac
P. O. Box 2160
Abilene (Texas) 79604
USA

Dear Mal,

I received your night-letter of September 29 yesterday from which I see that it would be convenient for your friends to receive the Mercedes car in Florida. This is what I have told you before more convenient also for us because we ship as often as we can Volkswagen cars as well as Mercedes cars from Germany to Florida ports (Jacksonville).

As soon as Chuck has brought the car to Hamburg we will see when the next ship is going to Jacksonville and I will let you know then promptly.

With kind regards to Marie and you and in the hope that you are keeping fine, I remain,

Yours truly,

Kind regards to you.

cc: Brig. General Charles E. Yeager
Flugplatz Ramstein



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Airmail

Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager
Office of the Vice Commander
Headquarters, 17th Air Force
APO New York 09012

GENERAL BEVO
NIK



Box 2160 • 692-1200
ABILENE, TEXAS 79604

November 24, 1970

Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager
Office of the Vice Commander
Headquarters, 17th Air Force
APO New York 09012

Dear Chuck:

I have just returned from a weeks' fishing trip in Mexico, thus the reason for my delay in answering your last letter that came while I was gone.

Some time in the future I hope to be in a position to repay you for the time consuming favors that you extended to Ed Oliphant, our El Jefe in Costa Rica, and through me he also extends his thanks to you.

I am particularly pleased that you and Glennis had such a nice visit with Nik and Li Schues.

Speck and I went to the quail lease Saturday but it was just too hot and too windy. We only killed 19 birds out of 20 coveys but at least we found out there are plenty of birds on my lease. Speck lost his privilege to hunt this year where he normally does since the landowner leased his place to some people from Midland. These damned outsiders are really messing up our "paradise" and quail leases are going for as high as \$1.00 per acre. Fortunately, I renewed mine earlier in the year at the same price I have been paying but it appears this may be the last year at that price.

I will get a letter off today to Al Luedecke and inform him that you are still trying to get his gun over here. I am sure you know how much he appreciates your efforts.

Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager

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November 24, 1970

This New Orleans thing, from a time standpoint, has me so confused that it is difficult to determine just when Marie and I will have some time. To give you a WAG (wild assed guess), there is a possibility we could run over there for a few days in either April or May if you could take some time off and if the weather is going to be decent. I am assuming it would be better to come into Frankfurt and if I need to run up to Hamburg I could arrange it from there.

Is there any chance of you two coming over here anytime within the next few months to visit with us? Marie says to be sure that Glennis spends a few days with us when she comes over to visit the new grandbaby.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,



A. M. McIlwain

AMMC:mmc

cc: Mr. E. W. Oliphant
Apartado 1987
San Jose, Costa Rica