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Lt. Cdr. S. R. Graham
U. S. Coast Guard Air Station
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Cdr. Graham:

In keeping with the request of the President of our precious Twirly Bird Society I am enclosing personal photograph with suitable foreground and background. Here is the thumbnail sketch of my history:

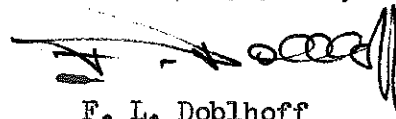
I was born on March 14, 1916 in Budapest, Hungary and proceeded immediately to obtain a Master's Degree in mechanical engineering which was granted by the Vienna Institute of Technology in 1939.

In 1941 I obtained a contract from the German Air Ministry to develop a jet driven helicopter. This machine made its first free flight on September 22, 1943 and was destroyed two days thereafter by the collapsing of a hangar, structural members of which had been suitably plastered with bombs. Two more experimental models were built, the latest of which was brought to this country in 1945, flown once in Wright Field and then given to General Electric for evaluation. There it turned over in a ground run, caught on fire and consumed itself.

I came to this country myself in 1946 as a "Paper Clip" specialist and spent my days in Wright Field from 1946 to 1948. Then I joined McDonnell Aircraft Corporation where I am presently holding the position of Assistant Chief Engineer of the Helicopter Division.

Hoping that this is the information you wanted, I am looking forward to seeing you at the Forum later this month.

Very truly yours,



F. L. Doblhoff

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