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Curator of the Smithsonian Institute
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Have you on exhibition Professor
Langley's first flying machine? What other
originals or models of originals have you
showing the development of aviation in the
'90's? I want this material for a bibliography
I am preparing for a volume in the series on
American Life which Macmillan is publishing -
my volume covers the period from 1878 to 1898.

I shall appreciate any assistance you
may give me in locating the originals of
important inventions or developments.

Very truly yours