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Mr. & Mrs. F. Rogallo,
91 Osprey Lane,
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Dear Francis & Gertrude,

It was a great pleasure to have the privilege of meeting you and to spend a very brief but a very happy time with you and the Moyes. I have enclosed photos of the occasion along with negatives of the snake lady which you might want copies of. Also, enclosed is a copy of the very first public notice of the glider and one of the two photographs given to me by the Daily Examiner, at the time the paper was printed.

This seems to be a dramatic year for me, starting with a T.V. interview and meeting the Rogallo's and getting fired on the same day, fortunately, I can report that I have another job, which seems okay so far.

It is probably some sort of a mystery to you concerning my walking away from hang gliding, but it was the appropriate thing to do at the time. Regrettably, in doing so, my contribution to the development of hang gliding seems to have faded from the awareness of the world at large and the hang gliding movement in particular. My total involvement spanned from January, 1963 to around 1973. I stopped flying or building kites in 1969 but continued to advise Bill Moyes on the technical development of the glider until about 1973. Bill had no technical knowledge about aircraft or aircraft construction up until that time. Due to pressure of work and the feeling that the relationship was rather one sided, I drifted away and lost contact with Bill and the sport.

I was hoping to obtain a favour from you and that is in relation to our earlier correspondence. I have no copies of my letters to you and if you still have them I would appreciate copies, in addition I am not sure that I have all your letters, I have enclosed copies of those that I do possess but if I have lost any in the many house moves, we have had, I would like to have the complete file and again would like your permission to quote from your letters. I may want to write something about the early days sometime in the future.

Amy and I hope you had a wonderful stay in Australia and look forward to the good luck of meeting you both in the future. We were disappointed that you were unable to make it to our home, but again perhaps we will have a further opportunity in the future.

In the meantime, we extend to you our very best wishes and affection.

With sincere regards,

John and Amy Dickenson.