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Dear Francis & Gertrude,

Thank you so very much for your letter of January 17 and your gentle reminder - please accept my apologies for not acknowledging the receipt of your package, which was received, with my special gratitude and thanks. My files are now more or less complete, although I have not been able to obtain a copy of the drawings I submitted with my original "initial patent application", which is a pity, they were very similar to the set I sent you, but I think the lawyer acting for me failed to submit them to the Patents Office on the basis that the final submission would incorporate any improvement I had made - as you know, I never made the formal application - story of my life!

Although Foxboro folded up (on the day of the T.V. interview - 20th January) 1988 has been a good year for Amy and I - the new job is working out okay - so far and Amy's specialist's report is excellent (last week). I passed all my Uni courses so if we can have another year like 1989, we'll bet complain.

With regard to the Bill Bennett reference, there is a well founded rumour that he tried to obtain a patent in America of the 'Dickenson wing'. I usually don't take much notice of rumours, but saw a copy of the application that Bill Moyes obtained somehow that was in the late 60's or early 1970. It was rejected as being a known invention. You are probably getting the picture that there was some very dirty work afoot from time to time. If you are, you would be right. The hang gliding movement is now recognising my contribution largely because of your acknowledgement of my work. Thanks to you, Bill Bennett and others are grudgingly being forced to get the story straight.

I have enclosed a copy of an interview I had with a Stephan Malbon, a journalist who has a dedication to "getting it right". He even submitted a draft to me for correction, so it is pretty accurate. I understand his article will receive wide publicity so the mills of truth are slowly grinding on. If his text generates any questions, please do not hesitate to write.

Amy and I would like to return your good wishes and trust you have the very best in health and happiness. In the meantime, we pray that we are afforded the opportunity of meeting you again soon.

With warmest regards,

P.S. Please forgive the typed letter, but my handwriting is so ghastly, you couldn't read it.