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Dear Sir:

[...]

When our motor flyer reached the stage of practical usefulness, we decided after much study that we would sell it to governments as a military secret, but without granting exclusive rights for a long period to a single one. We are confident that we will be able to carry our plan to a successful conclusion.

It would give us great pleasure to place the full results of our labors before our fellow workers and the scientific societies of the world without delay, if aviation remained a strictly scientific study; but since it has now become a very practical and valuable art we can no longer give pictures and details of our experiments with the same freedom that we used four or five years ago. We appreciate your offer of space in your excellent paper and thank you for it; and but for business reasons would have been glad to avail ourselves of your kindness.

The incredulity which greeted the first news of our success has almost died away. The governments which have sent representatives to Dayton no longer question the truth of the news regarding our work, nor doubt its importance. Differences regarding terms of purchase will finally be adjusted.

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Though we feel unable to publish the information which we are offering to sell, we will be glad as heretofore to furnish news that we think may be of interest to the readers of the *Mittheillungen*.

Thanking you again for your [?], we beg to remain,

Very truly yours

Wright Brothers