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Dear Sir.

I received your favor of Aug. 21~ just as I was going into camp in the wilderness, and I have but now returned. I was so much absorbed in my experiments that I dropped all correspondence.

I have now two gliding machines, each upon a different principle, which are steadier, safer and more manageable than that of Lilienthal, which I also tried.

Referring to you letter, I send you by same mail three Berlin newspapers which give an account of Lilienthal's death. I have had a verbal translation. If you have a written one made, please preserve a copy for me, and send back the originals.

I have also some private letters, which I will have copied and send to you. They confirm the views which we had formed of the accident.

I leave for New York tomorrow, and may be able to pay a visit to Boston. I expect to stop at the "Hotel Majestic," where a note would reach me, in case your Aeronautical conference is to be in session. I have received no notice of it.

Yours Truly

O. Chanute