

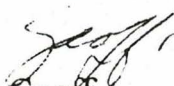
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Dear George;

Thanks for your letter of April 11/99, you may have included your "copy page" which I have enclosed. We are still in a holding pattern here as I need to close a deal to finance this safari. Speaking of which I appreciate your info. on the different sites, they are all in our itinerary. We are contemplating renting a "camper" which is smaller than a mobile home but is adequate for the children and me. We are planing on camp sites through CAA or KOA .

Thanks again for the great pic, the kids got a charge out of "young Dad". Also I have enclosed a copy of my last effort at A V Roe! It is a test program that I was in charge of and was to be carried out at Hurricane Mesa in Utah. Coleman Engineering of Torrance Cal. had been selected as the Co. to carry out the tests but it was canceled on Black Friday. They did a lot of research on it but lost out as they had no cancellation clause. When I was appointed Project Engineer for this program I, after much investigating, travel etc. calculated the cost to be \$ 650,000 to test in Canada. I was told " no,we want to sub-contract this test to an outside Co.I selected Coleman Eng. as they seemed to have the best track record and I drew up a contract at \$ 1,850,000. After submitting this to the powers that be at Avro ,I was told to round it off to \$ 2,250,000!!! I could not understand this as I even had a contingency fund included in case it rained in the desert ( site of test) as rain can cause havoc. After much intensive discussion defending my calculations I was told "Grossmith, make it \$2,250,000. we are on a cost plus basis at Avro!!! Well needless to say my respect and desire went out the window. What a bunch of crooks they were ripping off the public and filling their pockets.

Well enough of that recrimination that just a little peak at the truth that the news media didn't know about.Perhaps the museum would like the report, they are welcome to it.Thanks again for the addresses, it would be nice to see some of the survivors.Best of everything to you, Doreen and your extended family.

  
Geoff  
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