

Bell to Robertson.

To Mr. Geo. W. Robertson,
Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Baddeck, N.S., Oct. 7, 1908:— Allow me to thank you for your note of Sept. 20 with accompanying illustrations of your suggested aerial craft.

The Aerial Experiment Association, of which I am Chairman, is as you probably know, an "Experiment Association" pure and simple carrying on experiments, not for gain, but to promote the art of aviation in America.

It would give me great pleasure to submit your ideas relating to an aerial craft to the members of this Association for discussion and consideration, if you so desire, but we cannot, of course, receive or consider communications of a confidential nature or to be interested financially in them. Any printed material or manuscripts that are not confidential we are always glad to receive and discuss.

I presume that your note to me and the illustration accompanying it are not intended to be confidential, and I will therefore communicate copies to the other members of the Association for their consideration unless I hear from you to the contrary. Although our Association is devoted mainly to experiments relating to heavier-than-air machines we are, of course, interested in all plans for aerial flight, and I have no doubt that the other members of the Association will be as much interested in your plans as I myself.

(Signed) Alexander Graham Bell.