

LOEB TO BELL.

White House, Washington, D.C., Oct. 8, 1908:- Your letter of the 5th instant has been received and by direction of the President has been called to the attention of the Secretary of War.

Wm. Loeb, Jr.,  
Sec. to the President.

(See Bulletin XVII pp. 32-33 for letter to President Roosevelt).

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR TO BELL.

War Dept., Washington, D.C., Oct. 17, 1908:- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from the White House, of your letter addressed to the President under date of 5th instant, regarding work of the Aerial Experiment Association, and to express appreciation of your courteous offer in placing the technical information of this Association at the disposal of the War Department.

The different types of aerodromes which the Association has available have been noted, and an officer will be detailed from the U.S. Signal Corps to witness special flights of aerodromes at Hammondsport, N.Y., in accordance with your suggestion, upon being informed of the dates upon which such flights are to take place.

The death of the young officer referred to by you is deplored by all.

Robert Shaw Oliver,  
Assistant Secretary of War.