

I wish therefore you would send me a copy of the minutes of the meeting held in Washington September last, by which you agreed to make a further extension for six months, as I should recommend that such an agreement be put in writing and made part of the original contract with the signatures of all the parties interested thereto.

Undoubtedly any interest of Lieut. Selfridge whether such interest was obtained as one of the joint-inventors or as joint-owner in the patents, might for government use be claimed as property of the United States, he having acquired such interest while in the line of duty. This, however would not give the United States a right to claim the use of the machine without first compensating the other owners. It might, however, enable them to tie up the business of the Association if they desired to do so.

I have hurriedly taken up the points talked over with Mr. Cameron. I was very much pleased with the study he has made of the entire subject, and believe that he will prepare specifications which will meet with your approval.

(Signed) Charles J. Bell