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Dear Jack,

Well old cock, I see in the "Beam" you and Bill McCrystal have hung up your goggles and scarves and no longer accept those huge sums for driving Frontiers airplanes around and about. How long were you with Frontier... something over thirty years I think.

I retired the 1st of March 1981 having reached the ripe old age of 60. We have a custom in Lufthansa that we are met on the apron after our last flight by the chief pilot, members of the organization and so forth. I was met at 0600 with flowers, candy, booze and a free trip through customs. Unfortunately, this time I wasn't smuggling anything. My last trip was a lulu. From Frankfurt to Jerba, Tunisia then to Bujumburi in Burundi on the shores of Lake Tanganyiki then over to Nairobi for a night stop before returning to Frankfurt via Cairo. I can honestly say the only thing I miss about retirement is the absence of the big pay checks. We have a good retirement program but the cash flow is quite a bit less than when I was active. One thing I forgot to mention was my present from Lufthansa upon being retired...a free, first class booked flight for my wife and me to anyplace in the world plus per diem of 45 bucks a day for a two week period and all hotels booked at 50%. Not a bad going away present! We went out to Singapore, Bali, Manila and HongKong for our final fling. I have flown all these routes except Bali but we both like the Far East very much (except Tokyo) and go there when we feel like travelling.

Advancing age has brought the usual trivia. Slipped disc that had to be removed..hernia which had to be sewed up and a bout with lung cancer which resulted in the removal of the lower third of my right lung. Thank God there has been no complications on the latter and I'm in quite good shape except for wearing bifocals and being a bit hard of hearing. My wife says I'm hard of hearing only when I don't want to hear..she may have something there.

To occupy my time I have two vices. Golf and a huge tiger cat. Both require a lot of attention and I'm not too successful with either although the golf does show signs of promise from time to time.

Just a question. What happened to Sam Grande. He wrote me sometime last year about coming over here to pick up a Mercedes Benz. I answered his letter but have heard nothing since from him. I hope he's not ill or perhaps he didn't get my letter.

Thank God I could fly airplanes better than I type.

Regards to Bill Mac
and Floyd Rivie and
any other of the old
Chadanga Group.

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Dear Jack & Alene,

Gad! Is it ever cold here. The coldest winter in several years and snow to match. We live on a hill side with a wonderful view over a large valley and the mountains beyond. This also means shovelling a lot of snow to get down to the garage. Shovelling is not for a retired airline pilot who has done nothing more difficult than lifting a flight kit for more than thirty years. Would you believe that Germany is colder than Anchorage, Alaska at the moment.

I had my annual physical Monday and came out smelling like a rose. No further sign of the cancer^{smile} all other checks were right on the money. Hearing and eye sight not that of a teen ager but all vital signs in top shape. Actually, when we get a bit older I think we tend to worry too much about our health. One thing has to stop...the rectal examination. I'm falling in love with the doctor!

Our condo was originally a rental type thing but we furnished it quite well and decided to hell with it, we would use it ourselves and give it to close friends we know but never on a rental pool. The Spanish families like to come to the Costa Del Sol in the summer to beat the heat of Madrid and crowd six or seven people in a two room apartment. You can imagine what that does to good furnishings...they're shot in no time.

Let me know if you want me to check into the LGB train thing. I might be able to get them cheaper for you here and it costs very little to air ship them to the States. I can air ship for 10% of the normal cost but only on Lufthansa so would have to ship to Chicago, Calgary or San Francisco, whichever would be best for you.

If you see Ken Dealy tell him I feel for him. I had that prostate ream job a few years ago and it surely isn't any fun. As an old girl friend told me after the operation I didn't know if I was coming or going. He'll know what I mean.

I hope your pension deal is working out for you. It is very difficult for me to consider my pension in dollar terms. When the dollar was at its lowest the pension would translate into \$ 70129 per year but with the current value of the dollar it has shrunk to \$ 34286. This is not important unless one has to spend dollars. The purchasing power of the Deutsche Mark has remained

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Dear Jack and Alene,

Doris and I got fed up with the lousy German weather and took off from here on Feb. 10 for sunny Spain and only returned on the 29th of March. Hence the delay in answering your letter. Also- many thanks for the pictures. You all look like you're in fine form.

We don't rent our condo out. That can be a real pain in the neck. What happens is that a Spanish couple will rent the place and then show up with five or six kids. That's a heavy load for a one bedroom flat and it's just not worth it. It costs me a bit less than a thousand bucks a year operating costs and if we rented it the repair bills would probably be more than that. So- it sets empty nine months out of the year unless friends care to use it.

I'll get into Frankfurt in the next days to see what I can find out re the LGB train parts and will let you know. The idea of a train bearing scotch and soda is an idea whose time has come....what a lovely idea.

This charter operation sounds like it could be a lot of fun. We may be old grey beards in the eyes of the F.A.A. but we still know which end of the airplane goes through the air first! Do you suppose your possible sponsor would object to pipe smoking while on duty? I think the Mormon chaps have the right idea. Prohibit such debilitating objects such as tobacco and alcohol and the old libido can run full tilt. A great program for making lots of little Mormons.

What the hell is the plural for Crocus. Anyway we have a yard full of crocia if that is the proper plural. Other early flowers are also sticking their heads up. We hope they don't get nipped by a late freeze.

Do you have free or reduced rate privileges on Frontier and other airlines now that you are retired. Thank God we do. We can ride most airlines with a 90% reduction and others with 75% off. It makes travel cheap as we also get a 50% reduction with most hotel chains. Even so, the thought of strapping my backside to a flying machine for eight to twelve hours dims the desire to travel. Southern Spain is only 2:45 from here which is an ideal stage length for this weary old bod..

A big hello to everyone and I'll get back to you with the train info.

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15 May 1985

Dear Jack,

Just a short note to let you know your letter and check received. The parts are on order and should be here within four to six weeks. According to current price lists the parts you want come to DM 166.50 so unless the dollar suffers a horrible decline between now and delivery date your 65 bucks should be quite enough. I'm curious...how much cheaper are the parts here than in the U.S. Perhaps we should open shop.....I'll buy wholesale here and you sell retail in the States.

I played a golf match today. Every two weeks we old duffers get together for mens golf known here as Herren Golf. Today was a modified Chapman type of thing. We each hit our drive and second shot and then played the ball nearest the green. The old cocker I played with couldn't hit a ball 50 yards if his life depended on it but carries a 21 handicap. End result was that he washitting each third shot and what he did with the ball ought to be against the law but he's such a nice old geezer no one minds although it is a bit of a drag playing out of culverts, dirt roads, gravel pits and the like. Even so, it was a lot of fun. Next month we have the Lufthansa world cup tournament at Grans Montana in Switzerland and will have Lufthansa players from all over the world. Should be fun. Speaking of Lufthansa..we now have 120 jets and plan to add another 80 in the near future and are training 100 new pilots each year. Jeez! When I joined them in 1957 I was employee number 3654..we now have around 35000. Like Topsy it just growed.

Sorry your travel plans won't bring you this direction in 1985 but I understand the problem. The high dollar has all traffic and cargo going one direction...west to east. However, the dollar seems to be weakening so perhaps the trend will flatten out. By the way, August, September and even October can be beautiful months in Scandanavia and Europe. Sorry about that Auguüst.

So good people. Will go now and sit in the corner and count my toes. Will ship railway parts as soon as received.

*Will the Best
Freed*

WEST-GERMANY

16 July 1985

Dear Jack,

You're right. Drinks are expensive in Europe. Here in Frankfurt the bars take around five bucks for a scotch but the wholesale price is much lower than in Sweden. The Swedes tax the hell out of booze. I buy Bells scotch through Lufthansa at \$5.75 a 5th so we do most of our drinking at home.

About the book. I personally took all three items to the postoffice so they were all mailed at the same time. I went there yesterday and the postmistress said it was not unusual for printed matter to require a long time to arrive. It seems all other items have priority over printed matter and it could easily take a few months. It may well be sitting in the main postoffice in Frankfurt but there is no way to check. She was, however, quite certain it would arrive in time.

Lufthansa has big expansion plans. We have over a hundred jets now and the company plans to buy a hundred more in the next years. The only problem is...where the hell are they going to get the crews. With our route structure we need between eight and nine crews per airplane. At the moment we have 2000 pilots about evenly divided between captains and co-pilots. That means in the next few years the company is going to have to check out nearly a thousand new captains and train a like amount of co-pilots. Co-pilots are (not enough) not available here so Lufthansa will be looking abroad for live material.

Summer has arrived at last and, for us, it's hot. Nothing like you have there but temperatures in the high 70's. Almost too hot for golf. I had a God awful round the other day. I played with a friend who brought along one of his customers.....Jeez! This guy put every second or third shot out of bounds, into the rough or into the trees. After about five holes we quit looking for balls and kept him supplied with old balls. It took us nearly five hours to go around. To me, that's not golf it's torture.

I would suggest you wait another month or so on the book. If it hasn't arrived by then and you still want it I'll be glad to order another for you and will ship it first class registered mail. This way it will go straight out and not have to wait on a more or less space available basis. Say hello to everyone.

*All the best,
Paul*

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8 May 1986

Dear Jäck and Alene,

No- I didn't fall off the face of the earth. We spent the winter in southern Spain and when we got back it was time for my annual physical exam plus, plus a tub full of paper work. The physical was okay so far as the lungs were concerned but I may have to have some work done on my exhaust system. I go back to the clinic on the 23rd to get the final word. We have a first class medical unit here that is based on, and referred to, as the Mayo Clinic of Germany patterned after Mayo's of Rochester. I think my spelling went to hell there.

Russia
We are living under the scare of the reactor failure in ~~Germany~~. I say "we" when I mean a lot of people who are also frightened of black cats, spider webs and the like. We are cautioned not to drink fresh milk or eat fresh vegetables...the stores are sold out on canned junk. I played golf today and there was a sign on the course^{mt} advised caution that the fairways might be contaminated as a result of a recent rain fall bringing with it radio active elements. I think we're safer here than trying to cross a freeway in Los Angeles.

What's the deal with Frontier now that it has been taken over by Peoples Express? I can't see Frontier cabin personnel loading baggage and freight or selling tickets. I also read in today's paper that a bankruptcy court had approved a takeover by Peoples of a small New England carrier. Is Peoples in chapter eleven or was it the other carrier? Other articles indicate Peoples had a healthy loss for the past few quarters. Finance is a funny world.

The cheaper dollar has had little effect here unless one has to buy dollars for a trip to the States or what ever. I'm still paying \$ 1.73 per gallon for Diesel fuel and cigarettes are \$ 1.85 per pack. I switched to the pipe quite a long time ago but still pay \$ 11.70 for 250 grams (7 ounces) If I had any character I would quit smoking. I'm off the hard booze (doctors orders) but still keep the blood level up with beer and wine. The funny thing is that even with lots of beer and wine my weight stays constant. When I was with Challenger I weighed a bit over 200 pounds but now I hang in there at 170. I feel better not lugging all that lard around.

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How are you coming on the rebuilding of your old airplane. Would to have a ride in it. When I lived in Alaska I owned a couple of old timers including a Waco and a Seebee. I was under them more than in them.

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Hi there,

Thanks for your letter. We were in Austria and Yugoslavia for a two week golf holiday and just got back a few days ago. Lots of fun although our golf wasn't good enough to win anything. On one of the courses we played in Austria from the 16th green to the 17th tee was 440 yards and climbed up 165 feet. Quite a struggle for us senior citizens. Finally, the hotel we stayed in put a Volkswagon bus at the bottom and drove us up to the 17th. Bled, in Yugoslavia is a dream. Located on a large lake surrounded by the Alps and a lovely golf course. Very good food (and lots of it) and wine at very moderate prices. We'll go there again.

We envy you going to HongKong. It is one of our favorite cities. There is always something to do 24 hours a day. Re your request about tailors...it's hard to say. So many people there have gone into the business and many are not qualified and the picture changes from week to week. I would suggest you ask the crew on your flight where they go as their info would be much more up to date than mine. While in HongKong you should by all means take the Hydrofoil over to Macau. It's well worth a one day visit.

We have been following the fortunes, or misfortunes, of Frontier here through the Herald Tribune. If Lorenzo of Texas Air does take over it may save a lot of jobs but you can bet there will be some restructuring of the wage scales. Lorenzo is a tough man with a buck.

Wednesday I'm off the the States for a quick business visit. Dallas, Wichita and Salina, Kansas are on the schedule. Will return a week later. I hate to leave right now as our weather is lovely. Clear and not too warm and the trees all turning color. Perfect for golf!

I almost forgot. In Kowloon there is an Australian Pub that has a great jazz combo. It's called Ned Kelly's Last Stand. From the beginning of Nathan Road at the water you walk to the first intersection and turn left two or perhaps three streets and then right again a hundred yards or so. Anyone in the area can give you directions. Lots of crews hang out there. It not a place to eat unless you like bangers and mash (sausage and mashed potatoes) but noisy and lots of fun.

This will probably make better time if I take it with me and mail from the States. Have fun in the