

## Letter from Mauro, Cameron, Lewis & Massie to Alexander Graham Bell, July 11, 1911

S. T. CAMERON. LAW OFFICES TELEPHONE: Washington, Main 3461. REEVE LEWIS. OF New York, 5251 Beekman C. A. L. MASSIE. MAURO, CAMERON, LEWIS & MASSIE, CABLE ADDRESS: Mauro—Washington. Phimauro—New York. F. A. HOLTON. Patents and Patent Causes. CODES USED: Liebers. W. B. KERKAM. Western Union. RALPH L. SCOTT. 700 TENTH ST., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. Marconi. (TRIBUNE BLDG., 154 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.) NOTE THE ADDRESS WASHINGTON, July 1, 1911. 700 TENTH ST., N. W. ackn 5/7/11 Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Dear Dr. Bell:—

Bell, Curtiss, Baldwin, McCurdy and Selfridge —Ser. No. 488,799.

We have received and carefully considered yours of the 23rd ultimo, as the result of which we have searched our records and find your letter of November 10th, 1909, in connection with the dates concerning the balancing rudder. We enclose herewith copy of your said letter for your guidance. We trust that with this letter before you, you will be able to complete the affidavit which we sent and have the other gentlemen do likewise, without delay. If there is any doubt in your mind as to just when the subject-matter was conceived, please indicate in the affidavit that conception was had on or about the earliest date indicated in your said letter, to wit, December 24, 1907. We hope to have all of the affidavits in this matter duly executed and in our hands for filing in the Patent Office before July 13th. If we do not receive these affidavits from you, we shall do the best we can toward replying to the official letter. We have very little confidence, however, of being able to secure an extension of the period within which to reply to the official letter on account of the fact that both you and Mr. Baldwin were absent abroad for a year. We invite your

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most careful and immediate attention to the matter of completing and forwarding these affidavits, as the subject is one of importance.

Yours sincerely, Mauro Cameron Louie &c Maccie. Per NBA. K/W

COPY Nov. 10, 1910. Messrs. Mauro, Cameron, Lewis & Massie, 620 F Street, Washington, D. C. Gentlemen:—

Your note of Nov. 4 received requesting information concerning the earliest dates of the Aerial Experiment Association associates relating to the lateral balancing rudders claimed in our joint application.

I think that Mr. Cameron is right in supposing that our dates do not go back of about January 1, 1908.

The adversability of providing lateral balancing rudders was prominently brought forward to our attention on March 17, 1908 by the destruction of our first aerodrome "Selfridge's Red Wing" which was not provided with them.

Very shortly after that date plans for such rudders were matured, and the construction commenced. I do not mean to say that discussions concerning balancing rudders were not held before Mar. 17, 1907, when the association first met in Hammondsport, N. Y. At least we have no recollection of discussions bearing upon the subject held here in Canada before the removal of the headquarters to Hammondsport at the end of 1907.

I will study the sketches you have sent from the French patents from Godek, and Ferber and Liurette, and the claims of our joint application, and let you know later if I have any suggestions to offer.

Yours sincerely, (Signed) Alexander Graham Bell.