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Dear Mr. Layman:

Enclosed for your use and incorporation into your permanent collections are advance copies of Airborne Trailblazer: Two Decades With NASA Langley's 737 Flying Laboratory, by Lane E. Wallace (Washington, DC: NASA SP-4216, 1994). We have tried to fill your request for 10 copies of this publication. If you require additional ones please let me know.

This monograph-length work describes and analyzes the history of one research aircraft, the Boeing 737 used at Langley Research Center since 1974, and its role in furthering aeronautical technology. The author uses this case study as a means of getting at larger questions revolving around the expansion of technological knowledge concerning aviation and its transfer to those who can use it in the broader government scientific establishment, the aerospace industry, and the public.

I hope you find this book interesting and worthwhile. I would welcome your questions or comments about it. Please call me at 202-358-0383.

Sincerely,

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