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Dear Mr. Zbick:

My wife and my sister and I all thoroughly enjoyed our late-December tour of the military museum in Cape Coral, and we especially appreciated your acting as tour guide for us. We all learned a lot and had a good time talking with you.

As promised, I hereby donate a transcription of my father's WWII diary to the museum. My father, Donald James Tolle, kept the diary during his service overseas in World War II. In 1987 he transcribed it and made the transcription available to the men in his outfit.

I hereby give permission for researchers to quote from the transcription of the diary, extensively if they wish, with appropriate attribution. I do, however, retain the copyright to the material, since I may wish to publish the diary and related materials myself someday.

I enclose the following items:

- World War II Diary of Donald J. Tolle (transcribed by him, May 1987)
- Addendum to Appendix of World War II Diary of Donald J. Tolle (prepared by him, October 1988)
- Notes from the 1987 WWII Reunion of the 47th Bombardment Group (Light) in Long Beach California, by Dave Tolle (transcribed and revised, October 1999)
- An Informal Narrative History of the 47th Bombers (Prepared for the Bomb. Group Reunion at Dayton, Ohio 1979, by Frederick Terrell)
- 97th Bombardment Squadron (I) Army Air Forces A.P.O. Statement, dated 18 July 1944
- A Brief Chronology of the Life of Donald James Tolle (prepared by me, October 1999)
- Obituary of Donald James Tolle from the *Southern Illinoisan* newspaper, August 11, 1993
- Eulogy for Donald James Tolle, written and delivered by his good friend Jack Graham, August 12, 1993

I trust that these will be a useful and interesting addition to your museum's collection.

Once again, thank you for the excellent tour.

Sincerely,

Dave Tolle
(Donald MacDavid Tolle)