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Russell Strong
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Dear Mr. Long:

RE: Lt. Col. Samuel Jefferson Cobb, Sr. (USAF Res.), 1920 -
1988

It was very pleasant to chat with you the other morning. I get many calls from people looking for various Cobb's - typically Jeff or occasionally other names, but rarely Samuel. I am glad that we were able to connect. Your call was one of the very few in which I knew anything about the party inquired of.

I asked my mother to provide a copy of Daddy's obituary. I am forwarding it to you as promised. It is a bit shy on detail.

Daddy had a flight bag of his Eight Air Force papers and photos which he kept in the attic. After years of that hot attic, he pared this down to a few things he chose to keep. We have kept those items which include some strike and post strike recon photos, certain of which are identified. I seem to recall one of the Renault Works south east (I think) of Paris burning after an attack. Others are unmarked. If you have any interest in these, with Mamma's and my brother's consent, they could be loaned to you to be rephotographed. I frankly do not recall what we kept. I have one of his overseas caps, an Eight Air Force shoulder patch, a label insignia, and an Eglin Air Proving Ground patch. I succeeded in losing his dogs tags almost forty years ago. Mamma has Daddy's Bronze Star Medal.

I plan to be in Athens before Christmas and we will go through those papers and photos, with an eye toward making photocopies of items that might be of interest to you. We will forward those items to you at that time.

I will be in touch. Until that time, I remain

Yours very truly,


Samuel Jefferson Cobb, Jr.

cc: Mary B. Cobb
130 Janice Drive
Athens, GA 30606

24 September 1993

Dear Jeff:

Thank you very much for the informative response about your father, and the copy of his obituary. I have copied the latter onto the back of his file card, so I have a permanent reference.

Also in the interest of creating a better record of the men of the organization, I am enclosing a copy of our standard biographical form, and would hope that you might complete the more general information parts and not worry about the 306th Bomb Group questions.

I am always interested in looking over pictures and documents of the men who served the 306th, and would be pleased if you could send his collection along to me. I will look it over, copy immediately, anything I need, and probably have it back into the mail to you the day following its receipt here.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely yours,

Should you wish to be placed on the mailing list for our quarterly newspaper, 306th Echoes, please let me know.