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Dear Dick:

Thanks very much for the information on the Maine Township High School C-54/R5D dedication ceremony. It adds a considerable amount to the history of this aircraft. Sorry to be late in my reply but I was on vacation in the states (DCA/PIT/ORD) and just got back over the weekend. Several of the flights I took reminded me that nowadays many so-called "scheduled" airlines are unaware of what that term means. My wife and I spent seven hours on a B-737 flying from MIA to DCA. Had to divert to RDU due weather in the DCA/BAL area. No food on the airplane, all restaurants closed in RDU and they wouldn't let us off the plane. All food establishments closed at DCA when we arrived at 11:00 PM. Next time MREs in our carry-on (unless TSA thinks they are potential security threats).

The material you forwarded re the Maine C-54 looks like it may have come from a high school yearbook. Any chance we might be able to duplicate or scan a couple of the photos for possible use in our DC-4 book? I'd be willing to pick up the cost of making the copies if necessary. Please let me know.

Research on the C-54s goes on. Just came up with the ID on the C-54E that flew General George Marshall's party from Washington to Chunking in Dec. 1945. Have also ID'd the USAF C-54 that crashed outside of Las Vegas in 1955 carrying nine Lockheed Aircraft Co. employees to Groom Lake (Area 51) as part of the then-secret U-2 project. After that accident, Lockheed began carrying their employees in their own aircraft.

The work continues.

Yours truly,

