

February 23, 1945.

Mr. Juan T. Trippe, President,  
Pan-American Airways, Inc.,  
135 East 42nd Street,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Juan:

More than a year ago, my son, who is a prisoner of war in Germany wrote me that he had ordered a Perpetual Motion Rolex wrist watch and that the bill would be rendered to me; and nothing more was heard about it until in October when another communication was received from my son saying the watch had arrived. Shortly thereafter a bill was received from Montres Rolex S.A. advising that a check for \$75.00 in American money should be forwarded to "Credit Suisse, New York Agency, 30 Pine Street, New York City, N.Y. in payment for 1 Rolex Oyster Perpetual steel watch 9 3/4" engine turned bezel, 18 jewels, black luminous dial, centre second with strap.

I have also heard that these watches can be gotten in Portugal and that occasionally Pan-American pilots bring them back as personal property at a cost of under \$100.00 with a \$5.00 duty. I realize it is presumptuous of me to even ask you and if the request is too ridiculous and causes too much inconvenience just don't give it a thought. However, if it is possible, I would like to get one of these watches for myself, one for the Manager of the Fort Worth Club and another for the husband of my secretary, who has been with me twenty-three years. I shall be glad to send you a check or anyway it can be handled and will be delighted to have one, two or three of these watches if possible. As stated previously, if it causes too much effort and red tape, don't bother with it.

With ther hope that all is going well with you and that I shall have an opportunity for a visit with you sometime soon, I am

Sincerely,

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