

1466 East Fifth Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y. U.S.A.
November 18th
1920.

Honourable Sir:

On the 12th instant I sent a letter addressed to you as Provisional President of Mexico, for which error I wish to apologize, as I have since learned that you are the President Elect of our neighboring Republic. Knowing the confusion that is likely to arise in the case of an incorrectly addressed letter, I deemed it wise to confirm my letter of the 12th in event of the original communication having gone astray.

I wrote to inquire as to whether or not your government maintained a representative in New York City with whom I could confer regarding the specifications and data of a new type of aerobomb which I would like to submit to your government for consideration.

Just before the termination of the great World War I submitted the plan of this device to the War Department of the United States Government. They seemed quite interested in the device and conducted a series of experiments under the auspices of the War College at the American Experimental Station at Washington, of which I was duly advised. I was later advised, just as the Armistice was signed, that the Government would not require the device for adoption at that time. Since then I have been unable to learn just what the Government's intentions were respecting my device.

So, inasmuch as two years have elapsed, and I believe that I have given my government ample time to consider my

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proposition, I feel that I am quite at liberty to submit the plans of my device to some other government for their consideration.

And, insomuch, as this peculiar type of aero-bomb would be particularly effective in the rocky and rugged country for which Mexico is noted, I thought that I might be able to interest your Government in my device. The particular function of the device is to explode well off the ground, thus creating greater damage and havoc over a wider area than the average shell. I believe that this weapon would prove a very valuable acquisition against the guerilla tactics such as has been employed by the various bandit factions in Mexico in the past.

I trust that I may be able to interest you and your Government in my invention and hope to be favored with an early response to my advances.

Thanking you in advance for any courtesy which you may extend, and with best wishes to you for a happy and successful administration, I beg to remain

Yours very respectfully,

William W. Hanson

Addressed

His Excellency,
President Elect
General Alvaro Obregon,
City of Mexico,
U. S. of Mexico.