

term still in use. Wouldn't it be intriguing if Brodbeck had written home to relatives in Germany describing his plane and his flights and his adventures? Such evidence would of course change aviation history – and perhaps call for still another wing on our new Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Many of these topics lay outside of the traditional literary or diplomatic history topics commonly done by scholars of both our countries. They are in a sense “a-modern” but they occur characteristically to an eclectic American Studies mind which I confess to possessing. And they do indicate a fascinating range of research possibilities open to Americanists in our two countries.

In some ways the Bicentennial has served as the occasion for these many speculations, and I hope in some vague way I have brought you up to date on some American Studies trends in the United States. But centennials come around infrequently, one might say; it does not seem wise to wait until another comes around to throw out cultural lifelines between our two associations. It is my hope that before too long, the famous Salzburg Seminar will be joined by at least one more such institute in Europe. There should be many more and possibly as a result of the Bicentennial there will be. That is one Americanist's dream.

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