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WRIGHT: Are you going to keep time for us?

LAHM: Yes sir. I have my watch set at the hour. I'll start it when the launching weight falls. If we're still up in the air an hour later, you've sold your first airplane, Mr. Wright.

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