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Dear Sirs,

Ref. Aviation Heritage Vol. 25 No. 4
Page 93, Information Echo, last query.

Information through a person involved with the RFDS at Jandakot seems to show this as a touchy subject because the a/c is purported to be VH-REM, but is not. The real REM is still on the register, and at the time Harold Dicks (Robin Miller's Widower) was trying to obtain it as a memorial to his Wife, the then owner wouldn't sell.

So Dicks approached the Mooney company for a comparable model. Mooney had a model which had never been normally registered, and which they had used for original structural testing over and above the norm.

It was supplied to Dicks on the understanding that it would not/ could not fly (due to the above testing) and that it would never be placed on a normal register.

For some reason it appears the RFDS doesn't want it noised about that the a/c on the pylon is not what it purports to be, although anybody (who is interested) would know that there is an REM on the register as well as on the pole! In fact in the book "Sugarbird Lady", on page 174, it states "an aeroplane representing her own Mooney".

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