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COLONEL SCOTT--DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

IT IS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE AND HONOR THAT I WELCOME YOU AS GUESTS OF THE 150,000 MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL.

THIS ANNUAL AFFAIR BEGAN IN 1946 AT THE TIME THAT THE 79TH CONGRESS LEGISLATED THE CHARTER OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION, TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE CHARTER, IS, ----- "TO PROVIDE AN ORGANIZATION TO ENCOURAGE AND AID AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE CONTRIBUTION OF THEIR EFFORTS, SERVICES, AND RESOURCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AVIATION AND IN THE MAINTENANCE OF AIR SUPREMACY; -----TO ENCOURAGE AND DEVELOP BY EXAMPLE, THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF PRIVATE CITIZENS TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE; -----TO PROVIDE AVIATION EDUCATION AND TRAINING, ESPECIALLY TO ITS SENIOR AND CADET MEMBERS; -----TO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER CIVIL AVIATION IN LOCAL UNITS AND TO PROVIDE AN ORGANIZATION OF PRIVATE CITIZENS WITH ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO ASSIST IN MEETING LOCAL AND NATIONAL EMERGENCIES."

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT TO THE CONGRESS TONIGHT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO DIVERGENCE FROM THOSE AIMS AND PURPOSES THIS YEAR, AS IN EVERY YEAR, SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL ON 1 DECEMBER 1941. FURTHERMORE, I REPORT THAT THEY COMPLETELY SATISFY THE DESIRES OF OUR PARENT ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

SIGNIFICANT TO THIS CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AUXILIARY AND ITS PARENT ORGANIZATION WAS THE MEETING CALLED BY GENERAL CARL SPAATZ LATE IN 1947 TO STUDY THE LONG-RANGE POTENTIAL VALUES OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL TO THE AIR FORCE AND TO OUR NATION. ATTENDING GENERAL SPAATZ'S CONFERENCE



WERE MR. STYNINGTON, GENERAL VANDENBERG, THE 6 MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL BOARD, AND GENERAL GEORGE STRATHEMYER, WHOSE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND WAS MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL AT THAT TIME.

IT WAS AGREED AT THIS MEETING THAT THE CIVIL AIR PATROL, ACTING AS A VOLUNTARY CIVILIAN AUXILIARY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CONTAINED THESE THREE VITALLY IMPORTANT POTENTIALS:

NUMBER ONE, IT IS A VALUABLE FLYING ORGANIZATION, CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT EXACTING AIR MISSIONS, USING ITS OWN CIVILIAN AIRPLANES, AND DEMANDING THE VERY MINIMUM OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE ARMED FORCES.

NUMBER TWO, THE CIVIL AIR PATROL IS CAPABLE OF TRAINING AND MAINTAINING LARGE POOLS OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO COMPLETE COURSES FOR PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING AND WHO STAND READY NOT ONLY FOR PILOT TRAINING BUT ALSO A MULTITUDE OF OTHER TECHNICAL SKILLS NECESSARY IN THE AVIATION FIELD.

NUMBER THREE, THE GREAT VARIETY OF AIR ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON BY THIS ORGANIZATION CAN MATERIALLY STRENGTHEN THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY AND WILL DO A GREAT DEAL TO ENCOURAGE THE AIRMINDEDNESS OF EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN.

WITH THESE THREE POTENTIALS IN MIND, THE AIR FORCE, THROUGH MY SMALL STAFF OF OFFICERS, ENLISTED MEN AND CIVILIANS, MOVED TO IMPLEMENT PLANS BY WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION OF CIVILIAN FLIERS AND AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS MIGHT BEST SERVE OUR NATION. THE OPERATION AND SUCCESS OF THESE PLANS CONSTITUTE MY REPORT TO YOU TONIGHT.

THE CIVIL AIR PATROL, SINCE ITS INCEPTION, HAS BEEN FOSTERING A PROGRAM OF SEARCH AND RESCUE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL PILOT. THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE VOLUNTARY PATRIOTIC EFFORTS OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND HAS CONTRIBUTED INMEASURABLY TO THE SAFETY OF THE PRIVATE FLIER. IN ONLY THE PAST SIX MONTHS, CIVIL AIR PATROL FLIERS HAVE FOUND 23 LOST AIRCRAFT

IN 21 STATES, AND THE PERSONNEL LOST WITH THESE AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN FOUND OR RESCUED. THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF TRAINED UNITS, SUCH AS PARA-DOCTORS, GROUND RESCUE TEAMS, AND VARIOUS OTHER COMPLICATED OPERATIONS NECESSARY TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT.

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN MADE WITH THE AIR RESCUE SERVICE WHEREBY THE CIVIL AIR PATROL WILL BE UTILIZED IN THE SEARCH AND RESCUE WORK WHEREVER LIGHT PLANE AVIATION IS NEEDED, AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO REIMBURSE THE PLANE OWNERS FOR THE GASOLINE AND LUBRICANTS ACTUALLY USED ON THESE FLIGHTS. THE CIVIL AIR PATROL MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO DONATE THEIR TIME AND THE USE OF THEIR AIRCRAFT. THEY ARE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO DO SO.

IN ORDER THAT A FAR REACHING PLAN OF FLYING OPERATIONS SUCH AS OURS MIGHT SUCCEED, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO SET UP A COMPLETE NETWORK OF COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE 51 WINGS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL. ALTHOUGH MANY MEMBERS POSSESS THE RADIO TRAINING NECESSARY FOR THIS NETWORK, THE COST OF EQUIPMENT TO A VOLUNTARY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WAS PROHIBITIVE. THE AIR FORCE THEREFORE LOAN EACH CIVIL AIR PATROL WING ONE HEAVY DUTY RADIO SET, AND A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WAR SURPLUS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WAS ACQUIRED. TWO RADIO FREQUENCIES FOR THE USE OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL WERE ALLOCATED BY THE AIR FORCE. THE MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION ROSE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND THE ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN SO GREAT THAT OVER 500 STATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LICENSED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. IN ORDER THAT OUR RADIO NETWORK FUNCTIONS TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE WORK, AND IN THE EVENT OF A FORCED BREAKDOWN IN OUR NATIONS NORMAL COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS, WE HAVE REQUESTED 10 ADDITIONAL RADIO FREQUENCIES.

THIS RADIO HOOKUP HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS. TONIGHT WE ARE BROADCASTING TO ALL OF OUR STATE WINGS AND THEIR COMPONENTS THROUGH OUR OWN NETWORK. TO THE CIVIL AIR PATROL MEMBERS ACROSS THE NATION, MY SINCERE GREETINGS.

MANY OF OUR STATE WINGS HAVE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN TO FACILITATE AIR TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS TO TREATMENT CENTERS. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR INNUMERABLE DISASTER MISSIONS WERE FLOWN FOR THE RED CROSS. THE CIVIL AIR PATROL STANDS ALWAYS READY TO SERVE EACH COMMUNITY AND THE NATION WHEREVER AND WHENEVER IT MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO DO SO.

THERE IS A PART OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL THAT IS HISTORY. IN JANUARY 1948, "FLYING MINUTE MEN," THE OFFICIAL STORY OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL WAS WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED, AND TO DATE SOME 16,000 COPIES HAVE BEEN SOLD. THIS BOOK, FOR THE FIRST TIME, TELLS OF THE COMBINED OPERATIONS OF A PATRIOTIC GROUP OF PRIVATE FLIERS CALLED TO THE AID OF OUR COUNTRY IN THE DARK DAYS OF '42 AND '43. DURING THIS YEAR THE AIR FORCE HAS RECOGNIZED THE VALOR OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL FLIERS WHO LOGGED 24,000,000 MILES ON COASTAL PATROL OVER THE ATLANTIC SEA LANES DURING THIS OPERATION IN THE LAST WAR. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO PRESENT THE AIR MEDAL TO CIVIL AIR PATROL PERSONNEL WHO HAD FLOWN THE SAME NUMBER OF HOURS OVER THE OCEAN AS REQUIRED OF AIR FORCE PILOTS FOR THE SAME AWARD. ACCOMPANY EACH AWARD IS A CITATION SIGNED PERSONALLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

BEGINNING IN 1947 AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR, SOME 220 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE L-4 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE 50 LIAISON OFFICERS OF THE WING HEADQUARTERS OF EACH STATE, HAWAII AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. THESE PLANES ARE FLOWN ONLY BY SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL WHO

MEET RIGID QUALIFICATIONS. THEY ARE UTILIZED PRINCIPALLY TO GIVE ORIENTATION FLIGHTS TO CADETS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL. IN THIS ROLE THEY HELP MAINTAIN THE FLYING EFFICIENCY OF SENIOR MEMBERS, MANY OF WHICH ARE AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICERS.

THE ORIENTATION FLIGHTS GIVEN IN THESE AIRPLANES PROVIDE THE LOGICAL STEP TO THE AIR FROM THE PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING GIVEN TO SOME 70,000 BOYS AND GIRLS FROM 15 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE.

ALTHOUGH OUR 51 WING COMMANDERS AND THEIR COMPONENTS COULD EASILY DOUBLE THE PRESENT ENROLLMENT OF OUR CADETS, THE MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH HAS BEEN KEPT AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL UNTIL ENROLLMENT OF SENIOR MEMBERS INCREASED, IN ORDER THAT THERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE PERSONNEL TO SUPERVISE THE CADET TRAINING AT ALL TIMES. IN THE FUTURE IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASSIGN CADET QUOTAS, DEPENDING UPON THE TRAINED PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE, FOR THE ACTIVATION OF THE PROGRAM.

ENTIRELY NEW AMONG THE VARIOUS CADET ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON WITHIN THE CIVIL AIR PATROL, IS OUR NATION-WIDE AIR MODELING PROGRAM. COMPETITION BEGINS AT THE SQUADRON LEVEL AND PROCEEDS THROUGH GROUP, WING AND REGIONAL CONTESTS. THE NATIONAL CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAMPIONSHIP MEET WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE ON THE 25TH OF JULY. WINNERS OF THIS MEET WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MODELING CONTEST BETWEEN JULY 31 AND AUGUST 8 AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIR EXPOSITION HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF IDELWILD AIRPORT IN NEW YORK CITY.

AIR FORCE BASES ACROSS THE NATION WILL PLAY HOST THIS YEAR TO SOME 3,500 CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS FOR A 14-DAY PERIOD DURING THE COMING SUMMER. THE AIR FORCE WILL HOLD OPEN HOUSE FOR THESE BOYS AND GIRLS IN SO FAR AS IT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE PRESENT ASSIGNED MISSION OF THE BASE ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CADETS WILL PAY THEIR OWN EXPENSES WHILE THEY ARE OBSERVING THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE SUBJECTS WHICH THEY HAVE STUDIED IN THEIR PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING.

THIS YEAR IS TO SEE THE BEGINNING OF A CADET ACTIVITY WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE ONE OF THE FINEST THE CIVIL AIR PATROL HAS EVER SPONSORED. IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, I MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA. WE FOUND THAT THEIR ORGANIZATION IS A GREAT DEAL LIKE OURS AND THAT THEIR PROBLEMS ARE OUR PROBLEMS. WE FOUND THAT THEY STRIVE TO MAKE AVAILABLE THROUGH THEIR CADET PROGRAM MANY GROUND AND AIR CREWS NECESSARY TO COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY AVIATION.

AS A RESULT OF THESE MEETINGS AND THE COMPARISON OF OUR IDEAS, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT CIVIL AIR PATROL AND THE CANADIAN AIR CADET LEAGUE WILL BEGIN AN EXCHANGE OF CADETS THIS SUMMER. 24 OF OUR BOYS FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY WILL VISIT CANADA AND 24 CANADIAN CADETS WILL, IN TURN, VISIT THE UNITED STATES.

IN ADDITION TO THIS EXCHANGE, THERE IS TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL DRILL COMPETITION HELD IN NEW YORK CITY ON AUGUST 7, WHERE APPROXIMATELY 40 CANADIAN AIR CADETS WILL COMPETE AGAINST 40 OF OUR BOYS FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE CONTESTED ANNUALLY IN DIFFERENT CITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. THIS IS ANOTHER STRONG LINK IN THE CHAIN THAT BINDS OUR TWO COUNTRIES TOGETHER AND MAKES IT UNNECESSARY EVEN IN THE STRESS OF THESE TIMES TO GUARD SOME 3,000 MILES OF BORDER LAND BETWEEN US.

YOU WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT JUST BEFORE WE WERE SEATED AT THIS DINNER TONIGHT, I RECEIVED A RADIO TELEPHONE CALL FROM LONDON. MR. DOUGLAS TAYLOR, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN AIR CADET LEAGUE, TELLS ME THAT PLANS WERE BEING DISCUSSED TO AFFECT A THREE-WAY EXCHANGE NEXT YEAR WITH CIVIL AIR

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PATROL CADETS, CANADIAN AIR CADETS AND AIR CADETS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

SINCE 18 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE WAR, THE CIVIL AIR PATROL HAS OPERATED SOLELY AS A CIVILIAN AUXILIARY OF THE AIR FORCE. THE FUTURE TERMINATION OF THE FIRST WAR POWERS ACT HAS MADE IT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE CIVIL AIR PATROL AS A CIVILIAN AUXILIARY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THROUGH LEGISLATION. MR. LEROY JOHNSON OF CALIFORNIA HAS INTRODUCED BILL H.R. 5296 TO THE 80th CONGRESS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE TO EXTEND AID TO THE CIVIL AIR PATROL IN THE FULFILLMENT OF ITS OBJECTIVES. THIS BILL WAS PASSED BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

IN CLOSING MY REPORT, I PREDICT THAT CIVIL AIR PATROL WILL GROW IMMENSURABLY STRONGER THIS COMING YEAR, -- IT WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTH AND THE SECURITY OF THIS NATION.