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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Mr. Charles W. Webb
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Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your letter of March 21, 1963.

The revised Cadet program looks great!
Congratulations.

I know of no one to whom you should write
for permission to establish a Civil Air Patrol
award for achievement for your Cadets in the name
of the Wright Brothers.

A number of schools have been named for them.
The NAA annually awards a Wright Trophy at the
December 17th Banquet. The National Aviation Hall
of Fame awarded them a plaque (posthumously) last
year.

If the achievement award is based on merit
and is awarded with dignity, I cannot imagine any-
one objecting to it.

You should, of course, get permission of the
living persons for whom you wish to name awards--as
a matter of courtesy.

Good luck on the new program.

Sincerely yours,



Philip S. Hopkins
Director

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

This letter shows that the Smithsonian knew well of CAP's plan to establish a new Cadet Program.

CAP's Charles Webb may have written the Smithsonian because the Wright Brothers died bachelors. Without any widows to turn to, whose permission should CAP seek to name a cadet award in the Wrights' honor?