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Mr. C. D. Howe
Minister of Trade & Commerce
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Dear Mr. Howe:

Following your talk before the ASME of last Wednesday night, a number of delegates to the convention, both from United States and Canada, expressed admiration for the manner in which you presented the Canadian viewpoint on defense effort. All too often, formal meetings of the ASME, as well as other technical societies, have a way of going late into the night with presentation of detailed technicalities of some general engineering or industrial project being described by the feature speaker. It was most refreshing to everyone, including the Arrangement Committee, to have your talk demand the attention and be so extremely interesting to all in attendance at the meeting.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity which you most courteously gave me to express my thoughts on the present position of the AVRO Jetliner program. Your comments on the subject were extremely helpful in giving me a better understanding of the over-all aircraft production problem in Canada.

I do hope a basis can be found before too long for giving a go-ahead to the Jetliner program, at least to the extent of undertaking service testing of the prototype under airline conditions in the United States and Canada. I believe that with proper organization service testing can be carried out without diversion of effort from the fighter and engine program. I hope there will be an occasion to examine the Jetliner project further at some early date, especially now that I have had an opportunity to digest our discussion of last Wednesday evening.

Attached hereto is a brief summary to exemplify my points on the U. S. transport aircraft development and production picture. Also attached is an excerpt from last Friday's, American Aviation Daily, indicating the priority situation in this country for transport aircraft.

Sincerely yours,

R. Dixon Spear
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U. S. Representative.

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Dear Mr. Speas,

Thanks for your letter of June 19th. I enjoyed our meeting in Toronto, and was glad to be able to discuss with you the jet transport situation.

I am just as anxious as you are to get this plane in a position where it can be offered for sale, provided it can be done without interfering seriously with the war programme. I understand that the war programme has shown considerable improvement, and it may be that the CP-102 can be cleared for further testing before many months go by.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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