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The Right Honourable C. D. Howe,
Minister of Defence Production,
Department of Defence Production,
Room 264, No. 1. Temporary Bldg.,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Mr. Howe:

I had intended to write you towards the end of last month concerning our production progress here, but unfortunately, I have been laid up the last ten days with a virus infection in my throat and have just returned to the office today.

Production is really commencing to go forward now and as you can see from the table below, the first ten gun fighters will be off the production line this year. This compares with sixteen promised in May. The first gun fighter was due to be delivered towards the end of October, but unfortunately developed engine trouble necessitating removal of the engine. As you can see from the table below, deliveries are now starting to come off the line and we see no reason why we will not hit our minimum schedule by the end of the year.

AIRCRAFT DELIVERIES

(a) 10 Pre-production	Delivered.
(b) 70 Mk. 3 Gun fighters	
Ac. 18113 Delivered to RCAF	November 7th.
Ac. 18114 Delivered to Modification Centre (for trainer conversion)	October
Ac. 18115 Delivered to Flight Test	October 27th.
Ac. 18116 Delivered to Flight Test	November 7th.
Ac. 18117 Scheduled to Flight Test	November 15th.

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Ac. 18118 Scheduled to Flight Test	November 22nd.
Ac. 18119 Scheduled to Flight Test	December 4th.
Ac. 18120 Scheduled to Flight Test	December 12th.
Ac. 18121 Scheduled to Flight Test	December 19th.
Ac. 18122 Scheduled to Flight Test	December 26th.

Component build up is encouraging and there is every indication that the 70 gun fighters will be produced in accordance with the original schedule. The engine production line is really beginning to move and we delivered twenty-one engines in October against a schedule of seventeen and actually built twenty-seven engines.

The table below shows our performance for October and our projection for November and December.

ENGINE DELIVERIES

	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Scheduled	17	28	35
Delivered	21	28	35
Built	27	35	40

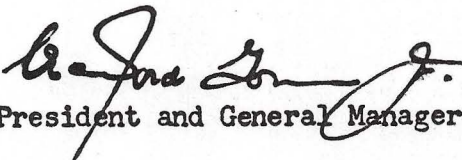
Parts under our own control were manufactured at a rate of 50 engine sets per month in September and October, and will be manufactured at a rate of 60 engine sets per month this month, and will go up to 65 per month in December.

If our blade and fuel system deliveries continue to improve, we have every anticipation of meeting and possibly exceeding the schedule given to your Department.

I expect to be in Ottawa next Thursday for the next meeting of the Panel and should you have any free time, will drop in to say "hello" and to answer any questions that you may have.

Kindest, personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


President and General Manager.

Crawford Gordon, Jr.,
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