

July 26, 1954.

Dear Sir Roy,

In planning my visit overseas and, in particular, my visits to A/V/M Campbell's headquarters at Metz, General Norstad's at SHAPE, and Sir Basil Embry's at Fontainebleau, I feel it is of the utmost importance that Mrs. Curtis accompany me.

For the last four years I have had Mrs. Curtis with me when I visited these senior officers; this has made the contacts more than official visits, and now that I have retired from the Air Force I feel that it is very important to maintain the same friendly relationship. I am so convinced of this, that I am prepared to pay Mrs. Curtis' passage by sea myself, if necessary. I spoke to Crawford about this; he feels as I do that my way of carrying on discussions in Europe is the proper one for me, and agrees with my plans.

I will be arriving in London on August 30th or 31st, and am looking forward to seeing you. If you are not going to be in London the first week in September, I would like to visit the plant in Manchester during that time, when we could have the opportunity of getting together for a talk. If you happen to be in London, possibly you would have dinner with me. I asked Mr. Humphrey to arrange such a visit, and also to try to arrange two or three other appointments for me; among them a visit to the RCAF Material Base at Langar, and No. 1 Wing at North Luffenham.

Sir John Slessor is leaving for Australia the latter part of August; I have written telling him of my plans and expressing the hope that I will have an evening with him before he leaves.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

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