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Dear Doug and Donette,

First let me congratulate you again on winning that well-deserved GEMINI AWARD for the visual effects category from the Arrow film. It would have been a crime if you had not received due recognition for those really fabulous flying sequences of your favourite airplane. It was great to have the opportunity to meet with Doug again at the Harbour Castle Hotel and to catch up with all of your news and progress on the Arrow 2000 project. It is increasingly obvious to me that you are the right enthusiasts to take over the role of 'guardians of the truth and the facts' about Avro and its contributions to Canadian aviation history, a role on which I have personally spent so much of my waning energy over the past twenty years or so.

I have to confess that I have found it a difficult road to travel, bearing in mind the 'snipers' among the renegade academics who seem to take particular delight in denegrating our unique heritage and contributions in high technology. I believe that we have won many of the battles, but not necessarily the 'war', which will probably go on for as long as these detractors are still around and unfortunately in light of their paranoid writings even after they have gone. So, good luck Doug and Donette and your colleagues in your endeavours to prove what can be achieved by a capable and dedicated team of enthusiasts.

I am enclosing what is apparently the last remaining copy of my Jetliner book outside the libraries and private collections. I hope that you enjoy it. There are many passages which deal with the Arrow and CF 100 projects as well as the Jetliner and I have put a note on the inside of the book to indicate some of them.

With regard to the Arrow jacket that you kindly offered to send to me Doug, I was talking to my Doc. today and he told me that I should now wear only very light top-clothing because of trouble that I have been having with my shoulders, so, unfortunately I will not be able to take advantage of your very kind offer, but thanks anyway.

My most sincere regards to you both and again congratulations on the award(s).

Jim Floyd.

ps. Thanks again Doug for that wonderful breakfast at the Harbour Castle. It was so good that I had very little to eat for the rest of that day !