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AVRO VTOL Vehicles

Thank you for your letter of 10 April in connection with the AVRO VTOL vehicles in which you provided information on the U.S. Army and USAF proposals with respect to the AVRO program.

We have been continuing our studies of the above project and have confirmed our previous view that this aircraft must still be viewed as well within research phase. We gather this is also the USAF point of view. In other words, with the present state of the art it would not be wise to enter into a development program to meet specific military characteristics. On the other hand, because of certain unique features of the aircraft, continued research is certainly desirable. We are giving thought to a possible research program directed toward the resolution of some of the basic problems associated with this aircraft which might be distinct from the U.S. program. Your letter implied that the USAF are making a study of whether they think a possible Canadian contribution might be useful. At the moment, the company may feel that the support they are getting from the U.S. is sufficient to keep their team fully occupied.

We shall be glad to hear from your end of any further U.S. developments with respect to this program. Similarly, we shall let you know of anything which we may propose here.

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