

10 November 1958

Mr. J.A.R. Kay,  
General Manager,  
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MANCHESTER, England.

Dear Jimmy:

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the courtesies which you and your people gave to Rolf Marshall and myself while we were in the U.K.

I had an excellent session with John Allen on the stand-off bomb for the intermediate bomber version of the Arrow, and it looks as if we can get a 250 N.M. stand-off bomb in a half scale Blue Steel, using ram jets, which should be perfectly O.K., with the supersonic launch capability built into the Arrow.

The rest of my trip, which I spent mainly on collecting data and evidence on manned aircraft versus missiles, went very well indeed, and especially on my visits to Tom Pike and the C.F.E., there is now no question in my mind that the manned fighter is probably the only way of defending a country in the face of strong ECM and carination jamming, since the range data required by the guided weapons will not be available.

Having been back for a week, it now appears that I had never been away. However, I am, personally, much more optimistic about the outcome of the Arrow after my trip to the U.K., and will keep you posted.

Thanks again, and good luck in your deliberations,

Sincerely,

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J.C. Floyd,  
Vice-President, Engineering.

P2: Please be a good boy and accept the propeller as a gift from myself!

APPROVED W/ JCF