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DEAR VAL.

I JUST CAME BACK FROM A TRIP TO THE UK.
AND FOUND EVERYTHING IN REASONABLE SHAPE THERE, ~~AT~~ ALTHOUGH
THE INDUSTRY APPEARS TO BE SOMEWHAT IN THE DOLDRUMS,
ESPECIALLY ON THE AIRCRAFT SIDE. THE CONWAY IS NOT TURNING
OUT TO BE QUITE AS GOOD AN ENGINE WITH REGARD TO FUEL
CONSUMPTION AS EVERYBODY HAD HOPED, AND I BELIEVE THAT
THE CONSUMPTION, FOR INSTANCE, ON THE J.75, AT MACH.9,
IS MUCH SUPERIOR TO THE CONWAY, WHICH IS A LAUGH IN A
SENSE, AS THE DUCTED FAN WAS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE SOME
25% BETTER S.F.C.

OUR PROJECT IS COMING ALONG REASONABLY WELL TO
SCHEDULE. THERE ARE OF COURSE THE USUAL PROBLEMS
ASSOCIATED WITH A PROJECT OF THIS KIND, SUCH AS FINDING
SUFFICIENT MONEY TO DO A COMPLICATED JOB WITH INSUFFICIENT
MEN, HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE
FINAL RESULT.

SINCERELY
J C F.