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For the attention of Mrs. Sheila Robinson,
Information Centre Q4 Bldg.,
D.E.R.A.,
Farnborough,
Hants.

Dear Madam,

Further to my phone conversation today, 15/MAY/1995 with Ms. SUE PEARCE, I submit this letter.

I am British by birth having been born at Cove in 1923 and lived there until enlistment in the RAF in 1941. I took Pilot training partly in Canada, married in Canada while there and returned to Canada on demob. I have lived in Canada since late 1946.

Having been born and growing up in this area I have always had an intense interest in aviation. This area being Cove and Farnborough.

I am a long time, LIFE member of THE CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY, and was a National Director for Approx. 20 years. Toronto Chapter for the past 30 years, Toronto Chapter President for 4 years and am now Hon. Life Director of Toronto Chapter.

I have been deeply involved in Canadian Aviation and in particular with researching and documentation of AVRO CANADA PROJECTS. I was research author and printed most of the black and white and colour photos for the Boston Mills book on the Canadian CF 105 AVRO ARROW. (Copy in your RAE library)

For the past 25 plus years I have been researching the AVRO CANADA VTOL series of PROJECTS. These include, PRE PROJECT 'Y'; PROJECT 'Y'; PROJECT 'Y2'; PROJECT 1794; PROJECT PV704; WEAPONS 606A SYSTEM (SUBSONIC and SUPERSONIC), and AVROCAR.

The above projects were Canadian AVRO originated with heavy funding by UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND U.S. ARMY. Canadian Dept. of Defence, H.Q. Ottawa, USAAF WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO have declassified all related documents to the above projects, at my request and made copies available to myself including a one week stay ON THREE occasions at WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR BASE, in order to examine and copy any documents required, compliments if USAAF.

I am requesting copies of documents at former RAE, TITLED - RAE TECH MEMO AERO No. 316: "PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON A PROPOSAL FOR AN AIRCRAFT POWERED BY A RADIAL JET TURBINE ENGINE" By J.R. COLLINGBOURNE and A.L. THORPE. There are in fact TWO RELATED DOCUMENTS on the above.

I am also requesting copies of NGTE NOTE No. NT52: "PROJECT 'Y', AN ASSESSMENT of the POWERPLANT " By P.F. ASHWOOD and D.G. HIGGINS.

Again there are TWO RELATED DOCUMENTS.

I am enclosing copies of several DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE documents dated 12/OCT/1988; 6/OCT/1989, relayed to my research.

I also enclose my business card and a copy of a letter from HAWKER SIDDELEY CANADA to RAE dated 23/AUG/1990. No response was ever received to this letter.

Until 24/MAY/1995 I can be contacted at 5 Regent Street, Fleet, Hants. GU13 9NR Phone No. (01252) 622702 or (01252) 815809 this no has answering machine.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Les L. Wilkinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. L. Wilkinson.