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I am always available to Talk about Canada's Aircraft Industry. I joined A.V. Roe Canada in May 1953 as a summer Student Hired and Grandly Listed as an "Engineer in Training". I worked on and up and was in fact the man that had to stop Aircraft 25203 from Taking Off on " Frightful Friday"

I had recently had a promotion to the Post of "Assistant Flight Test Coordinator" for AC 25203. I was being schooled to takeover the program for one of the early Orenda Mk 2 Aircraft. (Ac 205 and 206 were doing Engine tests and fuel calibration on the flight line that day. "Spud Potocki" was the scheduled Test Pilot. He called me as he started to dress up about 10:30 asked if the flight was still "ON". So I went over to see the flight Support Crew. I told them I had heard nothing except the calls from our stockbrokers who were busy dumping AVRO stock for their Government Employed customers.---Yeah Canadian Politics stank as bad then as now.— in [San Carlos City, Negros Occidental](#).

Spud was an emotional guy and he was very Mad. The flight was scheduled to take off and head N.E. and do lower altitude Work, Turn and Do some high speed and altitude work headed towards Niagara.

Spud took me aside and said! Mike what would happen if I took a Mach 1.2 plus tight turn above the Parliament building?

"Just forget it Spud" I did that study Last week with some new US Test Data, It is possible ,to Focus the shock wave and get Pressures across a tall wall like the parliament building of over Two Pounds per square inch, Or more.!! It "Could Collapse" the whole building and probably kill everyone in it. Non of us want that!

I got a phone call from the CEO. a little Later asking me to promise that the Aircraft would not fly that day!! We cancelled before lunch. ----"Weather closing and not enough Day light" Everyone was a little Jumpy that morning. The walls had "Ears"

It seems like yesterday. Eisenhower had his ears twisted by Boeing (Had lost so much developing "Bomark".) Eisenhower went fishing with that Idiot Diefenbaker. Hard to respect people like that is it not??

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