Dr. Edward R. Sharp  
Director  
Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory  
National Advisory Committee for  
Aeronautics  
Cleveland Airport  
Cleveland, Ohio  

Dear Doctor Sharp:

With regard to your letters of May 3, 1951, requesting that invitations to the 1951 Biennial Inspection of the Langley Laboratory be sent to Messrs. A. J. Hoyt and H. F. Powders of the American Steel and Wire Company and Mr. Allen Oviatt of Gardner Displays, the invitations were mailed on May 7, inviting them for the May 22 Inspection, since that is the day when we can best accommodate them.

Sincerely yours,

[signature]

J. F. Victory  
Executive Secretary
May 3, 1951.

Dr. J. F. Victory, Executive Secretary,
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics,
1724 F Street, Northwest,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Victory:

Mr. Howard F. Powders is Aviation Representative with the American Steel & Wire Company here in Cleveland and he is the man who makes all their aviation contacts. He was a Navy officer during World War II and since the end of the war he has been not only very friendly to the NACA but very helpful to the Lewis Laboratory. He succeeded Charlie Meyers who had the job previously and who has attended NACA inspections for many years and he also has been invited this year. I would appreciate it if you would send Mr. Powders a personal invitation right away to attend the Langley inspection.

At the same time, would you send an invitation to Mr. A. J. Hoyt, Manager of Operations, Cleveland District, American Steel & Wire Company. Both Mr. Powders and Mr. Hoyt can be reached at the offices of the American Steel and Wire Company, Rockefeller Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

Edward R. Sharp

Edward R. Sharp,
Director.
From Lewis
To Langley
Attention: Frank Hani.

Subject: Langley Inspection.

1. Walt Bonney and I have been talking about your inspection and agree that we both are determined to make it. Walt thinks there will be a boat trip from Washington to Wallops Island to arrive on the 17th and what I am going to try to do is get hold of Max Cook and get him to drive us down to Washington in his 15 ft. long Buick and take the boat to Wallops and come back via Washington and the Buick. Will let you know how our plans work out.

2. As to the last paragraph of your note, I hate to admit it but there is not a single copy of the 1949 releases inside this building, however, copies of all releases are contained in the big 1949 Inspection Brochure which I sent you a month or so ago. If you can get this back into your possession you can have copies made of any and all releases.

Walter C. Orr,
Aviation Information Specialist.

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May 10, 1951

Colonel James W. Freeman
Commanding Officer
Ravenna Arsenal
Ravenna, Ohio

Dear Colonel Freeman:

In sending the enclosed invitation to you and members of your staff to attend the 1951 Biennial Inspection of the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory on Monday, May twenty-first, I wish to add a special note of welcome.

Dr. Sharp has frequently told me of your valuable and sympathetic cooperation as our host and landlord at Ravenna. We are highly gratified at the research results we are obtaining there. Our success is in no small part due to your fine assistance.

I hope you will find it possible to attend the Inspection. It will be a great pleasure to be your host on this occasion.

Sincerely,

J. F. Victory
Executive Secretary

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cc: Dr. Edward L. Sharp
May 9, 1951.

Dr. John F. Victory, Executive Secretary,  
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics,  
1724 F Street, Northwest,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Victory:

An oversight of my own has just come to my attention, that is, the matter of inviting Colonel James W. Freeman and members of his immediate staff to attend the Langley inspection. Colonel Freeman, as you may know, is Commanding Officer at Ravenna and is our host and landlord. He has been extremely sympathetic and cooperative.

I would appreciate it if you would get out an invitation to him immediately and also if you could find time to drop him a note to accompany the invitation, telling Colonel Freeman how much we appreciate his invaluable assistance and cooperation. You might also mention that we feel gratified at the results we have obtained thus far at Ravenna in this most promising field of research.

Sincerely yours,

Edward R. Sharp,  
Director.