

Telephone message from Mr. Gagg
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The proposed site provides a combination of physical facilities and intangible advantages which are unique. Its convenient accessibility by air and railway will be a potent advantage in securing the essential cooperation of technical interests in both Government and industry. The industrial facilities of a large manufacturing center are conveniently available and yet the site has many of the advantages of a rural situation. Bounded by a fine airport under governmental control, and a beautiful park, it is thoroughly protected from undesirable neighbors. The presence of this park and the location available for the buildings, overlooking a deep wooded ravine, provide an opportunity to create an institution which will be a lasting credit to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

The site has available a fine supply of soft water, excellent drainage, a relatively flat surface, and a first-class foundation of gravel underlaid by shale. Natural gas can be obtained cheaply, which provides the best possible fuel for laboratory work. An adequate supply of dependable electric power is available at reasonable cost. No essential utilities are lacking. A large area is available for future expansion, and this is a substantial advantage.

The living conditions for the laboratory staff are most satisfactory. Rural, village, or city life can be chosen at will. The City of Cleveland is anxiously concerned that the engine research laboratory shall be located there, and it appears that the community will make the institution an important item in its civic plan for the future.