

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR AIR
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Charles E. Wilson,
President,
The Air Power League,
Empire State Building,
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On behalf of the Navy, I am glad to endorse the organization of The Air Power League and its purposes as set forth in its Constitution.

The League's slogan, "National security and permanent peace — through air power", epitomizes the need for such an organization as yours. I note that the League's major policy objectives, as they are outlined in the Constitution, fall into two broad categories: first, the promotion of popular understanding of the influence of air power (particularly our own) in world affairs and on our national security, and, second, the stimulation of progress in United States military aviation. Achievement of these purposes is of great importance to the future of this country and its position in an air-borne world.

I think the public realizes today the value of air power — both Naval Aviation and the Army Air Forces. The support of a patriotic body of citizens such as yours will be of great assistance to us in keeping that realization alive in the postwar years.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Artemus L. Gates

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