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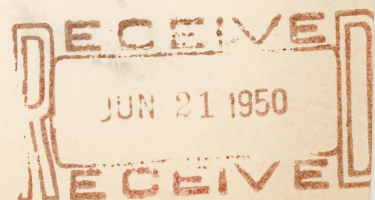
Dear Mr. Carter:

It was a pleasure and a privilege to meet  
you and to be with you in Miami.

Sincerely,

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State Director of Aeronautics

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reopened as Skytrail Airport by Clifford Smith and Frank J. Finklea; one-place hangar built; full-time attendant; gas and oil service; one-strip, NE-SW 1700' x 200'. Lanett: Construction of second landing strip at Valley Air Service field still in progress.... Albertville: Monroe J. Dickson and Lucien Howard are reconditioning Albertville Flying Service airfield and will keep two strips open for use as commercial airport: NW-SE, 2800' x 225'; N-S 1500' x 300'. Also plan to light NW-SE strip in near future.... Empire: M. D. Baggett has discontinued the use of his personal field and has placed his plane in storage.... Cullman: Two obstructions on South approach of Joe C. Sapp's personal field have been removed: phone line has been put in cable underground and power line moved. He has erected new single place hangar.... Canoe: Ray Johnson has a personal field, 1200' x 1800', from which he does crop dusting.... Tuscaloosa: J. W. Christian and Clyde A. Pruitt, of Northport, are contemplating the establishment of three seaplane bases in Alabama: at Northport, Selma and Demopolis. Christian also extending length of his private strip at Northport.... Summerdale: Paul I. LaRue, who has a crop dusting and spraying company, has a personal strip, E-W 1500' x 100', half a mile East of Summerdale; there is a hangar and windsock on field also.... Thomasville: Bruce Cogle, Jr., has a personal strip, 900' x 70', with a one-place hangar, 48' x 40'.... Jackson: J. P. McKee has abandoned his field.

STATE OWNED FIELDS: Ft. Morgan: Dedication of Ft. Morgan recreational airport, built by this dept., was attended by 240 planes, more than 400 pilots and passengers; total attendance was over 3,000. Two sod landing strips, 1800' x 200'; field house; boundary markers; wind sock; gas and oil; full-time attendant; clear approaches; safe all weather.... Danville: Bids will be received by this dept. on June 29 for operating the Danville Airfield for a period of 5 years, starting Jan. 1, 1951.

SURPLUS MILITARY AIRFIELDS: Anniston has filed application for Anniston Army Air Base (Eastaboga), now surplus.... No bids were received by U. S. Engineers for leasing of inactive Ozark Army Air Base (Camp Rucker) when bids were asked.

AIRFIELDS LICENSED:

	<u>Private</u>
Bridgeport	- George F. Browning, Jr. (Formerly Ala-Tenn-Ga Airport)
Centre	- Emory Johnson (Formerly Centre Flying Service airfield)
- Foley	- W. H. Riemer (New 1-strip, N-S, 1490' x 140')
Warrior	- Sidney Hamrick (New 1-strip, N-S, 1250' x 100')
	<u>Commercial</u>
Ft. Morgan	- Fort Morgan State Airport (Ala. Conservation Dept., 2-strips, new)
Marion	- Lakeland Farms Airport (E. E. Donovan, 1-strip, new, 1600' x 200')
Mobile	- Skytrail Airport, formerly Chastain's Airport (Clifford D. Smith and Frank J. Finklea, 1-strip, 1700' x 200')

AIRFIELDS CLOSED AND ABANDONED:

Jackson - McKee Field (J. P. McKee)

BASE OPERATORS: Frank J. Finklea and Clifford D. Smith are operating Skytrail Flying Service at Skytrail Airport (formerly Chastain's Airport), Mobile.... Albertville Flying Service is now being managed by Monroe J. Dickson and Lucien Howard, of Albertville.... There is no base operator at Moton Field, Tuskegee, at present, as Tuskegee Aviation, Inc., has ceased operations temporarily.... Brewton: Watson and Taylor Flying Service, which formerly operated from Municipal Airport, has ceased operations.... An A. & E. Mechanic is available in Enterprise through the Enterprise Flying Service, Municipal Airport.... Southern Airmotive (Charlie Roberts, Mgr.) has leased an additional hangar, 183' x 120', at Napier Field for dead storage of aircraft.... Gene Alexander is mgr. of Russellville Flying Service, Russellville; Bob Fitts is flt. inst.... Mrs. Louise Patton, formerly manager of Albertville Flying Service, Albertville, is now the flight instructor at Elliott Flying Service, Cullman.

ACTIVITIES OF AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS: Ala. Flying Farmers Assn. has extended an invitation to the National Flying Farmers Assn. to meet in Montgomery in 1951. Dennis McClendon, Sr., Decatur, is new Regional Director, and Harry Smith, LaFayette, new Ass't. Regional Director. Dewey Yancey, Collinsville, is now the National Director from Ala. A. W. "Tyke" Smith, of this dept., has been elected Sec.-Treas., to succeed Ed Ambrosen, who has been recalled to active duty in the Army. The Southern Flying Instructors Assn. will hold its Fall meeting

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GENERAL-STATE AID PROJECT DETAILS: Decatur: Work started May 17 on runway paving; 60' x 150', with lights; Burgreen Construction Co., Athens, Ala., paving contractor (\$119,344.05); Higgins-Callaway Co., Columbus, Ga., lighting contractor (95). Bids were opened April 7.... Andalusia: Administration building completed; Livingston Builders, Inc., Andalusia, contractors; Carl Cooper, Montgomery, architect.... Alexander City: Installation of fire protection water main to airport cut completed.... Gadsden: Installation of medium intensity lighting system at Gadsden Airport completed and final inspection made on May 25; dedication ceremonies held same date; Harrison-Wright Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla., contractor (\$13,919.57). Birmingham: City has submitted a second project application for acquisition of 6.5 acres of land south-west of Municipal Airport for future extension of the SW-runway; total cost \$145,200.... Selma: Administration building project, including runway lights, ramp and taxiway, has been suspended pending CAB decision on Atlanta Air Line request to cancel proposed service for Selma; Raymond Sizemore, Montgomery, architect.... Roanoke: Preliminary engineering plans have been completed for grading and drainage of one sod landing strip; land options now being secured; Wood Engineering Co., Ft. Payne, engrs.... Tuscaloosa: Final plans have been approved by this department and CAA District Office for construction of one paved runway, 4000' x 150', with lights; plans are now in CAA Regional Office for approval; bids will then be asked; \$138,000; Woodman-Keith Engineering Co., Tuscaloosa, engrs. Wetumpka: T. V. A. delivered deed to City on May 30 for part of property required for new airport; remainder of property already purchased; work will now be resumed on plans; North Alabama Engineering Co., Decatur, engrs.; \$36,600.... Anniston: City still expects to file application for one paved runway when present improvement work, being done at local expense, is finished.... Huntsville: Final plans and specifications for new administration building, paving of access road and taxiway, and runway lighting are being revised; G. W. Jones and Son, Huntsville, engrs.... Dothan: City discussing rehabilitation of runway lights.... Jasper: City and City discussing joint project for runway paving at Walker County Airport. Burnsville: Final inspection of administration building made on June 2; A. C. Sells, Inc., Albany, Ga., contractor (\$92,663); grading not complete; water system not yet started.

GENERAL PUBLIC AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS: Muscle Shoals: TVA Airport transferred to Colbert and Lauderdale Counties jointly on May 24 and is now being operated as a public airport.... Atmore: City may be interested in purchasing or leasing the flight strip which was formerly operated by Atmore Flying Service, and now closed.... Milledgeville: Temporary lights have been reinstalled at Weedon Field and are available on prior request; Thomas W. Ellis is field attendant; installation of boundary markers has been completed.... Headland: Entire N-S runway (3500') at municipal airport cleared and is now safe to use; only 2100' of E-W runway is being maintained at present.... Hurtsboro: City to continue rental of airport property; lease has 10 more years to run.... Jasper: New NNE-SSW landing strip, 2300' x 250', at Walker County Airport has been completed and is now usable; new boundary markers have been installed.... LaFayette: Reconstruction of old private field, now a municipal airport, still in progress; one strip, E-W, 1800' x 200'.... Mobile: Harbert and Gile, Mobile, low bidders for resurfacing of Bates Field runways (\$40,330); work in progress; this is a war-time damage restoration project.... Birmingham: Airport Surveillance Radar System to be installed at Municipal Airport by CAA.... Anniston: