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Dear Mr. Carter:

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you that the next Airports Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 4, 5 and 6 in Wilmington, Delaware. As you will recall, Mr. G. Roy Eaton, Chairman of the New Castle County Airport in Wilmington, attended the last Airports Advisory Committee meeting in Fort Worth and cordially invited the Committee to Wilmington for its next meeting.

The reason for this personal letter to you is to solicit your attendance for the purpose of assisting us in a program for "Military - Civil Cooperation" in the use of civil airports.

As you are possibly aware, Mr. A. B. Curry, Chairman of the Airports Advisory Committee, recently made a survey of key civil airports for the purpose of determining methods to be employed in the development, maintenance and agreements affecting the use of civil airports in time of national emergency or a period of a state of readiness. Some objectives of the Task Group, which will be considered at the Airports Advisory Committee meeting, are (1) ways and means to conserve Federal and local expenditure in order that maximum use of airports in question can be attained for civil and military needs; (2) make suggestions and recommendations to prepare our national system of airports for a state of readiness; (3) give consideration to the continued use of needed emergency airport improvements and their value to the nation as peace time assets; and (4) ways and means to develop an airport program as it will relate to the needs of national defense and resulting in maximum benefits to civil aviation.

Plans for the next meeting have begun to crystallize. For example, arrangements are now being made to stage one of the year's finest aviation banquets with top representation from the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Government and Airline Presidents serving the New Castle County Airport at Wilmington, Delaware, i.e., American, Eastern, TWA, Slick and All American.

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Your presence as one of the outstanding friends of aviation will assist greatly in assuring representation from those who believe in aviation and who have been successful in this field.

I will greatly appreciate it if you would be so kind as to let me know at an early date as to whether you can attend this important meeting.

Sincerely yours,

*Philip Morse*

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