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Mr. Amon G. Carter, Publisher
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Dear Mr. Carter:

Please accept the appreciation of Larry Bell and all of the rest of our organization for the part you played at our plant opening.

Your words of welcome were very helpful to the morale of our organization and your talk generally set just the right note for the ceremony.

Again, please accept our thanks for your efforts.

Sincerely,


Harvey Gaylord
Vice President

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IN APPRECIATION of your interest in American Aviation, we send you this scale model of the Bell X-1A, which has been flown faster and higher than any other piloted aircraft in the world.

The X-1A, a rocket-powered research airplane designed and built by Bell Aircraft Corporation for the United States Air Force, was flown by Major Charles E. Yeager, USAF, on 12 December 1953 at Edwards Air Force Base, California, at a speed of 1650 miles per hour. Five months later at the same base, Major Arthur Murray, USAF, flew this airplane to a new world's altitude record. The altitude reached may not be revealed at this time for the reason of security.

These two world records are milestones in the history of powered flight. Even greater than their importance as altitude and speed marks, however, is their significance as contributions to aeronautical research and the advancement of the science of flight.

This replica of the X-1A is a memorial of these achievements and a symbol of the cooperation between American industry and our Armed Forces in designing, developing, testing and producing aircraft which will insure our nation's superiority in the air.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent loop at the end.