INTRODUCTION

The 1950 Biennial Inspection of the Ames Laboratory was held July 10, 11 and 12 with identical programs planned for each day, except for the deletion of the group photo on the 12th, to accommodate the expected large number of guests. Due to the international situation with reference to the United Nation's police action in Korea, excessive last-minute cancellations reduced the total registration to 666 guests representing aircraft and associated manufacturers, the airlines, the U. S. Congress, various government departments, the NACA, the Military Services and local municipalities. A revised program was instituted on July 11 and 12, reducing the number of groups from 9 on July 10 to 5 and 4 on these dates.

Special bus service was provided to the Ames Laboratory from the Post Street entrance of the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, the San Francisco Airport and the Sainte Claire Hotel in San Jose. Other guests flew directly to Moffett Field or came by private automobile.

Registration began in the lobby of the Administration Building at 9:30 a.m. The Introductory Session in the Auditorium was opened by Dr. John F. Victory at 10:00 a.m. This session consisted of welcoming addresses and an introduction to the problems to be discussed at various exhibits. The complete text of these welcoming addresses for all three days of the Inspection are included herein.

At the conclusion of the Introductory Session, the guests, except on July 12, assembled on the grandstand north of the 16-foot Wind Tunnel for a group photograph after which Mr. Smith J. DeFrance introduced the group leaders for the tour of the Laboratory. The program of the inspection and the text of the talks presented at the ten exhibits, together with photographs of the exhibits, are included in this volume.

Luncheon was served to the entire party in the northeast portion of Flight Research Laboratory No. 2. Adjacent to the luncheon site there were several exhibits of instruments and research techniques with attendants standing by to answer informal questions. Photographs of the luncheon set up and the various exhibits are included for later reference.

The formal inspection of the Laboratory was concluded at 4:45 p.m. after which all groups on July 10 and 11 reassembled at the Moffett Field Officers' Club. Transportation to San Francisco and other points was provided as requested by the guests with the last bus leaving the Officers' Club at 6:30 p.m.

On July 13 the employees of Ames Laboratory were conducted on a modified tour of the formal inspection permitting members of the various sections to obtain an understanding of the research progress of the NACA Laboratories.