Moffett Field, California
July 8, 1955

MEMORANDUM for Staff

Subject: 1955 Triennial Inspection of Ames Laboratory

1. I wish to thank each member of the staff who shared in the preparation and handling of the 1955 Inspection of Ames Laboratory for a splendid performance.

2. Corporations regularly make reports to their stockholders. Inspections like the one just held are our way of reporting to our stockholders, the taxpayers and citizens of the entire country, on the progress we are making. From the generous and sincere praise expressed by the guests at the Inspection, it is evident that a representative cross section of our stockholders is extremely well pleased with the research progress made by the NACA. They are convinced that the vital contributions made by the NACA to advance military and civil aviation in the United States are worth many times the amount of money spent in operating the Laboratory.

3. Throughout the period of preparation for this laboratory-wide production, the Inspection, I was keenly aware of the many demands made upon each employee's talent, energy and ingenuity. The top-level performance and wholehearted teamwork evident in every phase of the Inspection are splendid indications of the high caliber of the Laboratory staff, with which I am so proud to be associated.

4. It is a pleasure to pass on to each of you the praise of our guests who found the Inspection a most constructive and inspiring report on our research work.

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