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Commission

Vice President
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Dear Mr. Shannahan:

Treasurer
Robert Sammis

The members of the Connecticut Aerospace Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. request that the Connecticut Historical Commission evaluate designated facilities within the Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP) Site for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Secretary
Morgan Keellan

The SAEP has recorded numerous worthwhile historical events since its inception in 1929. The majority of these events have already been recorded, and recognized, in a July 1984 "Historical Properties Report" commissioned by the National Park Service under Contract CX-0001-2-0033. A copy of this report is included as Attachment 3.

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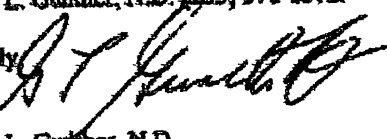
Attachment 1 to this request highlights a chronological history of the site from 1929 to the present. Noteworthy Historical Achievements are highlighted in bold, italicized print.

Attachment 2 to this request designated the physical locations within the SAEP where the noted Historical Achievements took place. As can be seen by Attachment 2, the area within the SAEP is confined to Building 2, Building 3, Building 10, the ramp area between these buildings, and the field adjacent to the entrance to the seaplane ramp. Although the "Corsair" was actually flown from Bridgeport Airport, it was developed within the confines mentioned herein.

Attachments 4, 5, 6, and 7 show the growth of the facility from 1929 to the present.

Attachment 8 is a copy of Chester Lester Morris' presentation on the First Production Flights of the Sikorsky R-4 Helicopter.

We feel that the background history shown in Attachment 3 should be sufficient to substantiate this request. In the event that additional information is required, we will be happy to provide it. Our points of contact for this information would be Mr. Dick Evans (203) 256-3397 and Senator George L. Gunther, N.D. (203) 378-8572.

Sincerely,

George L. Gunther, N.D.
Acting President