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Dear Mr. Wilson:

On Wednesday, May 24th, we are holding the first annual air meet of the Welland County Aero Club, marking the official opening of the new Welland County airport, in connection with which I might say that an application for license is going forward to your department concurrently.

We are just working on preliminary plans in connection with which we have had considerable assistance from our mutual friend, George Ross, but I want to make sure that you will mark this date on your calendar in red ink and be sure to be present. A more formal invitation will go forward just as soon as our letterhead is available.

We are delighted with the assurances of support from various quarters. A large number of Canadian pilots will be present, Flying Clubs, private owners, commercial operators, but in addition, being situated as we are so close to Buffalo and other American points, we have reason to expect a good representation from the other side of the line. As a matter of fact I took George over last evening to Buffalo where we made a good contact with representatives of the Buffalo Aero Club, through whom the visiting parties will be organized. By the way, I should like to take you over some time to the Buffalo Club, of which I am a member, as they have a very fine layout including the latest in swimming pools, etc, etc.

We were told that the American Army flyers were anxious to pull strings to get over for the day, and while we would like to encourage it, this is primarily a Canadian show and Canadian meet, and I am much more concerned about getting a representative flight from the Royal Canadian Air Force. I know, of course, that the economy programme is hindering them very much in the scope of operations, but even if they do not participate in the programme, which we of course would like them to do, will you please make an

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