

WAR DEPARTMENT  
AIR CORPS  
MATERIEL DIVISION

Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio  
April 22, 1941.

Mr. William McC. Martin, Jr.,  
New York Stock Exchange,  
Eleven Wall Street,  
New York, N. Y.

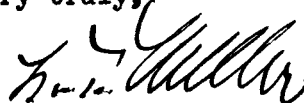
Dear Mr. Martin:

I understand that prior to your induction into the United States Army, one of the officers at this station contacted you informally to determine whether you would consider a possible commission as a Captain in the Specialists Reserve of the Air Corps, together with an assignment for a year's active duty at this station in a business administrative capacity. You indicated that you would be glad to undertake this type of work, that you would be delighted to serve wherever your services are considered to be of most value to the Government, but that the decision in this respect must rest with the War Department.

This Materiel Division performs the engineering, procurement and supply functions for the Air Corps. Our duties have increased tremendously this past year with the large expansion of the Air Corps, and with the increased demand for aircraft for the other democracies. Experienced flying officers are needed elsewhere in tactical units, and our staff of officer personnel who constitute the management of this station is becoming greatly overworked. We have need of Reserve Officers to augment our organization, particularly those with skill in the field of business administration.

We believe that a man with your training and background can become an effective element in our staff. If you think you can serve your Country better in this present emergency in a business capacity as a member of our command, kindly execute the attached green application blanks in triplicate as a Captain in the Air Corps Specialist Reserve and then take these to your medical officer who will fill out the attached report of physical examination. Return all copies to this station by mail. With these application blanks properly executed, we can then go to the War Department with a recommendation in your case.

Yours very truly,



L. T. MILLER,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

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