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By the President of the United States of America

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IN WITNESS WHEREFOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.



# Wright Brothers Day, 1976

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### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

December 14, 1976

MEMO FOR:

ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM:

MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE

SUBJECT:

Wright Brothers Day

Please arrange to have the attached letter robo-typed to the individuals on the enclosed list for the Wright Brothers Day Proclamation.

Thanks very much.



#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

December 2, 1976

Dear

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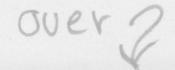
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National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Washington, D.C. 20546

Reply to Attn of:

NOV 2 2 1976

Miss Pam Powell Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Pam:

Pursuant to your request, I am pleased to enclose the names of 25 leaders in the field of aeronautics as suggested recipients of the President's forthcoming Proclamation marking the anniversary of the Wright Brothers' historic flight.

In addition, should you wish to broaden the distribution, enclosed is an auxiliary list of other leaders in aeronautics from Government and industry.

Sincerely,

Herbert J. Rowe Associate Administrator for External Affairs

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