

To Senator Kilgore

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECTS TO BE INVESTIGATED AT WRIGHT FIELD

1. Organization

The organizational set up is cumbersome with lines of authority not clearly distinguished, and responsibility frequently divided. Inspection is left as a semi-independent organization which can be overruled on disputes by the production division. Inspection is not ^{under} ~~over~~ the engineering division.

2. Duplication

There is considerable duplication of functions by the various divisions at Wright Field, and also ^{between} Wright Field and other agencies, such as the War Production Board.

3. Size of Staff

Wright Field seems to be seriously overmanned. It is probable that many good operating men are doing paper work and could be released for more productive activities.

4. Operations

The Committee has information indicating that many of the top supervisory personnel do not have any qualifications for the positions they hold. There is specific information on specific individuals available. The manner of determining requirements of types of planes and other material, the manner of keeping reports and checking on production, the manner of correlating activities with the War Production Board should all be studied. In particular, the War Production Board

has complained that they are not advised of material requirements sufficiently far~~g~~ in advance to set up facilities for creating raw materials. A specific result is a present shortage of electric furnace steels needed for aircraft engines.

5. Wright Aeronautical Corporation

The investigation of the inspection procedure at Wright Aeronautical Corporation can be carried out into Wright Field, with ^athe view to determining whether the practices at Wright Aeronautical Corporation are general and whether officers superior to Colonel Greulich had knowledge of improper activities at Wright Aeronautical Corporation.

We have been advised that Colonel Greulich and Major Bruchman have been relieved of their duties. Mr. Amberg has also stated that the Army representatives now conducting an investigation at Cincinnati have not been able to make a written report to date. They are continuing their activities in an effort to check all of the facts found by this Subcommittee. Colonel O'Dwyer is being left in charge of this investigation. The Army requested the use of the transcript of the Subcommittee's hearings. In the absence of all the Subcommittee members I stated to Mr. Amberg that I believed that this request could not be considered until the Subcommittee could discuss it fully.

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