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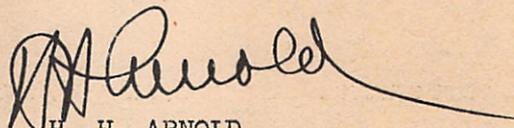
Mr. Thomas H. Beck
250 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Beck:

It is my belief that the development of aviation interest and knowledge in our young people is essential to the ultimate welfare of our country both now and during the post-war period. Therefore, the work which you are now undertaking in creating a civilian organization to direct, guide and assist the Civil Air Patrol in its educational program of aviation training of the youth of our nation, is most important.

I sincerely hope that the outstanding citizens who, you anticipate, will be associated with you in the direction of this organization, will be able and willing to give their time and attention to the program. The Army Air Forces stand ready to provide any proper assistance and I wish you and those associated with you every success.

Sincerely yours,



H. H. ARNOLD,
General, U. S. Army,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

