

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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

Dear Mr. Beck:

I am glad to know that you, with other outstanding citizens, are undertaking a major responsibility in developing the continuing interest of our young people of fifteen years and over in aviation matters and giving elementary training in that field. I have watched the beginnings of the Civil Air Patrol cadet program with great interest and I am glad to see it supported and developed by an organization of public-spirited civilians like yourself and those to be associated with you. Continued and growing familiarity of our coming generations with aviation and its problems is of great importance to our national health and security, both during the war and in the peace to come.

Our young people are definitely aviation-minded. Encouragement and development of this interest through broadening this training program is an important work in which I wish you and your associates every success.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Franklin D. Roosevelt, written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.