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Dear Ray:

Clint Dearborn handed me the enclosed comments on your inspection, which I know you will be glad to receive. I discussed the comments that I had, which were much along the same line, with High Collins and others when I was there. I think Clint's comments sum things up pretty well and are not aimed at criticism of your show, because we all realize that it was an outstanding one. I think his comment on the demonstrations is probably a good one and I think we are going to have more demonstrations and try to have them of the type he recommends. A lunch-period exhibit is probably a good one. The only thing I feel about the question is that, in our case at least, I would rather have one of the stops at the instrument division and then have a very few miscellaneous models say, and someone at each one who might discuss some of the questions in regard to the work. I think in general, and at this laboratory when we have had the stage demonstrations, they have been too crowded with complicated gadgets; perhaps a few models or pieces of equipment representative of the various places visited, with a view to providing an opportunity for the visitors to look at the apparatus in more detail and ask questions, with plenty of room on the stage, would be a better setup. In any event, no one will want to worry about all these details until just before we have to put on the next inspection.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*E. J. E. Reid*  
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Dear Ray:

I want to congratulate you on a very fine inspection this year. I personally thought it was one of the finest, particularly from the standpoint of getting across difficult technical information in a manner that most everyone could very easily understand. The folks from Langley who came back with me last night were all much pleased with their visit and with the opportunity to see the inspection, and they all had very complimentary remarks to make about the Cleveland show.

I was sorry I could not stay out there longer and have more time around the laboratory, but I am going to try to get out sometime later when there is not so much going on.

With kind regards to you and Vera, I am

Yours very truly,

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Dear Skipper,

Everyone in our party was loud in his praise for the hospitality and courtesies extended us on our Thursday's visit. They and the group who went up on Tuesday were very much impressed with the demonstrations, the speakers, and the quality of the material presented. I personally was also much impressed by seeing so many strange faces from fields not immediately identifiable with aeronautical research as I have always known it.

The climax of course came when our otherwise monotonous flight home was made most enjoyable by the thoughtful food contribution. We shall not only see that the containers are returned but shall endeavor to properly secure the contents so that they will be unable to crawl away.

Thanks again for everything! We are looking forward to a visit by you next week. Reiser assures me that every attempt will be made to live up to the precedent which you have so often set.

Sincerely,

*Mel*  
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