

September 16, 1957

Mr. Elwood R. Quesada
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Quesada:

I am aware of your being appointed by the President as his Special Assistant for Aviation Facilities and as Chairman of the Airways Modernization Board. I want to congratulate you on these extremely important and timely appointments and wish you every success in carrying out the tremendous responsibilities incumbent with the assignment.

I would also like to advise you of the Control Data Corporation's keen interest in the National Air Traffic Control problem and to extend to you and your staff an open invitation to visit our facilities.

Our organization is new, but is rich in research, development, and system design talent, directly applicable to Air Traffic Control problems. Key engineering personnel have been for several years engaged in the development and manufacture of large scale digital data storage and processing, automatic digital communications, instrumentation, and associated input systems (such as radar). Others of our highly qualified group of engineers and scientists have been responsible for the design-application of automatic data processing to various Air Traffic Control programs for the United States Air Force, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and the United States Navy. Therefore, they have a broad understanding of Air Traffic Control systems problems as well as knowledge of intricate design techniques necessary to successfully attack Air Traffic Control automation problems.

I and my engineering representatives will be available to you and your staff at any time to discuss matters on which we may be of assistance. We hope that you will accept our invitation to visit with us. Mr. H. S. Forrest, Manager of our Washington office, would be pleased to get in touch with you in the near future and further discuss the possibility of our assisting in your program.

Very truly yours,

CONTROL DATA CORPORATION

William C. Norris
President

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cc: H. S. Forrest