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Langley Field, Va.
April 15, 1957

MEMORANDUM For The Engineering Service Division Files

Subject: Hypersonic physics test area

1. On April 15, 1957, the writer contacted Captain M. O. Biltoft, Master Planning Section, Planning Division, Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, to obtain the latest disposition of the NACA's request for waiver regarding the use of the hypersonic physics test area as an uninhabited area. Captain Biltoft produced a copy of a letter from Headquarters, Tactical Air Command to the Ninth Air Force Base stating that "It has been determined by limiting to a absolute minimum the quantity of class 9 and 10 explosives in the Air Force ammunition storage area waiver of quantity distance cited in subject letter will not be necessary."

Tactical Air Command has undertaken to reduce the storage as follows:

Magazine	604	-	10,000 pounds
Magazine	605	-	18,000 pounds
Magazine	606	-	30,000 pounds

If the commands of the Ninth Air Force Base and the Langley Air Force Base are in concurrence with the recommendations of the Tactical Air Command, then NACA can proceed with the design based on the hypersonic physics test area as being an interplant unit and a waiver will not be required for this purpose.

2. It was suggested that, when the land was requested from the Langley Air Force Base, the NACA include that strip of land between area "A" and the NACA property following the road on down approximately to the intersection with the activities area at the NACA water tank.

John C. Messick
Chief, Engineering Service Division

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cc: Head, General Engineering Branch
Structural Engineering Section
Plant Engineering Section

Headquarters
405th Fighter Bomber Wing
United States Air Force
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

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Dr. H. J. E. Reid
Director
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics
Langley Aeronautical Laboratory
Langley Field, Virginia

Dear Dr. Reid:

The 405th Fighter Bomber Wing has been advised by Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, that they concur with the siting of your new test facility. Tactical Air Command has established explosive storage limits on Air Force Magazines as follows:

Magazine 604	10,000 pounds
Magazine 605	18,000 pounds
Magazine 606	30,000 pounds

By limiting the above Air Force Magazines to the absolute minimums of Class 9 and 10 explosives, Tactical Air Command has determined that a waiver of quantity distances, as requested in your letter of February 1957, will not be necessary.

It should be noted that the minimum storage limits established for the three Air Force Magazines will preclude further expansion of the Hypersonic Test Facility in an easterly direction.

Sincerely,

Harold P. Sparks

HAROLD P. SPARKS
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

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13 MAY 1957

Dr. H. J. E. Reid
Director, Langley Aeronautical Laboratory
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

Dear Dr. Reid:

Reference is made to your letter, dated April 18, 1957, requesting approval of the location of NACA new taxiway between end of extended runway and NACA hangar.

Headquarters, Tactical Air Command has advised that Headquarters, United States Air Force approved the location of subject taxiway as indicated on Drawing Number LD 20036. Headquarters USAF approval was granted by 1st Indorsement to Headquarters TAC letter, April 24, 1957, subject: Master Planning Approval for NACA Taxiway, Langley Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

EDWIN S. CHICKERING
Brig. General, USAF
Commander

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NACA - Langley

Langley Field, Va.
July 23, 1957

MEMORANDUM For Engineering Service Division Files

Subject: Hypersonic Physics Test Area, West Area, Project 1816; boundary discussion for land allotment

1. On July 19, 1957, a meeting was held at Headquarters, Tactical Air Command (Building 119) for discussions regarding subject project including boundaries for land acquisition, rebuilding Air Force bridge and approach road. Those attending were as follows:

Lt. Col. E.L. Smith, Jr.	Chief, Armament Section, TAC
Lt. Col. D.E. Rockwell	Installation Engineer, LAFB
Major A.F. Weeks	Director of Installation, TAC
Capt. M.O. Biltoft	Office of Directorate of Installations, TAC
Mr. E.W. Allen	Real Estate Division, Planning and Programming Department, TAC
Mr. G.R. Hayes	Chief Engineer, Air Installations, LAFB
Mr. R.W. Hooker)	
Mr. C.L. Robbins)	Langley Aeronautical Laboratory, NACA
Mr. J.M. Vricella)	

2. The first half of the meeting was held with Mr. Allen in the Real Estate Division. It was pointed out to the Air Force that NACA had received its funds covering the subject project and that we were preparing to finalize the land allotment on which this facility would be built.

3. It was pointed out that the boundary lines of the tentative allotment were based on an aerial survey and scaled at 50-feet from the existing roads. Subsequent measurements indicate that this distance should have been 100-feet and that, since it is desirable to use the existing fence as the natural boundary, NACA was asking permission to finalize its request for land allotment based on fence lines on the easterly and southerly sides.

4. Major Weeks and Mr. Allen saw no reason why the fence could not be used as a boundary, provided that TAC Ordnance had no objections.

5. The second half of the meeting was held in the office of Lt. Col. Smith who felt that it was a reasonable request particularly since we could use the existing fence in its present position and it would reflect a savings of funds. However, he pointed out that no buildings could be constructed nearer to the east fence than are already contemplated because of ordnance clearance criteria with the Air Force magazine storage areas, which had already been de-rated to make possible NACA construction. Mr. Hooker assured Col. Smith that it would not be necessary for NACA to construct any buildings

closer than those shown on NACA's plot plan, a copy of which was left with Capt. Biltoft. The next subject discussed was the rebuilding of the Air Force bridge. A print of sketch JMV-8 dated July 22, 1957, showing the proposed width and length of the bridge, tie-in road to the existing road within the fenced 500 area, and the contractor's storage and operations area was exhibited. No objections were voiced on this proposed arrangement.

6. The Air Force was advised that it was NACA's intention to initiate a request for land allotment at the earliest possible date. Based on favorable approvals given in this meeting, it is not expected that any local opposition to the boundaries as discussed will be interposed.

Joseph M. Vricella
Plant Engineering Section

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cc: Structural Engineering Section/Robbins
Plant Engineering Section/Vricella

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July 30, 1957

Brigadier General Edwin S. Chickering
Commanding Officer
405th Fighter-Bomber Wing
United States Air Force
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

Subject: New bridge and connecting road from lighter-than-air area to ordnance area (hypersonic physics test area)

Reference: (a) NACA letter to LAFB dated June 21, 1956
(b) LAFB letter to NACA dated April 24, 1957

Dear General Chickering:

Enclosed herewith are three prints of sketch JMV-8 dated July 22, 1957 showing the general location of the road and bridge which will be rebuilt in connection with the subject project. The bridge is designed for H-10 loading.

The bridge connection will be extended from the east end of the rebuilt bridge to Pistol Butt Road, since the old road to the lighter-than-air area has been removed.

Your approval or comments on the proposed bridge reconstruction and connecting road are requested.

Yours very truly,

H. J. E. Reid
Director

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Encs* (3) prints of sketch JMV-8 dated July 22, 1957

cc: Central Files (project 1816)
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Langley Field, Va.
July 30, 1957

From Langley
To NACA Headquarters

Subject: Increase in NACA land allotment

Reference: (a) LAL letter to LAFB dated June 21, 1956, RWH.occ, Encs*, JCM, PJC, HJER
(b) LAFB letter to SAFB dated July 27, 1956, ESC
(c) SAFB letter to TAC dated August 3, 1956, EJT
(d) TAC letter to Headquarters, USAF, dated August 24, 1956, CVC
(e) Headquarters, USAF, letter to TAC dated October 15, 1956, THG
(f) TAC letter to SAFB dated November 15, 1956
(g) LAFB letter to SAFB dated January 30, 1957, ETS, Enc*
(h) LAL letter to LAFB dated February 25, 1957, RWH.occ, Encs*, JCM, PJC, HJER
(i) LAFB letter to SAFB dated March 11, 1957, HPS
(j) LAFB letter to LAL dated April 24, 1957, HPS

1. It is desired to increase the NACA land allotment in the west area by inclusion of approximately 67 acres, as shown on the attached print of drawing SK-JMV-9, dated July 22, 1957. This land will be used for the development of the hypersonic physics test area (project 1816). Because of the nature of research work to be carried on and the safety-zone requirements for such a facility, there is no suitable location for this facility on land presently allotted to this Laboratory.

2. The proposed new permit lines deviate slightly from those used in previous negotiations with the Air Force (reference (a)). The reason for the difference is that, originally, the proposed permit lines were about 45 feet inside the existing fence lines. Air Force officials agree that the proposed new permit lines should coincide with fence lines which will eliminate the cost of fence relocation.

3. Originally, there was some question raised by the ordnance department as to the distances that NACA facilities should maintain from certain existing Air Force storage magazines. Reference (j) establishes the working distances which will make this parcel of land suitable for the purpose intended.

4. Since the Air Force has already approved the siting of the hypersonic physics test area (reference (j)), it is recommended that the subject formal land allotment be requested through official channels. Early approval of this allotment will allow Langley to initiate construction and make it possible to expedite this project.

H. J. E. Reid
Director

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Encs* (3) prints of drawing SK-JMV-9, dated July 22, 1957
(1) photostatic copy of references (a) through (j)

cc: Central Files
Engineering Service Division Files
Engineering Service Division Office
General Engineering Branch
Structural Engineering Section
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HEADQUARTERS
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

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Dr. H. J. E. Reid
Director
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

Dear Dr. Reid:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 30 July 1957, subject: "New Bridge and Connecting Road from Lighter-Than-Air Area to Ordnance Area (Hypersonic Physics Test Area)," wherein you submitted for approval three prints of Sketch JMV-8 showing the general location of the road and bridge which will be rebuilt in connection with this project.

The proposed bridge and connecting road as shown on the above-mentioned sketch are approved.

Sincerely,

Harold P. Sparks, Col. USAF
For and in absence of EDWIN S. CHICKERING
Brig. General, USAF
Commander

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Washington, D. C.
August 13, 1957

From NACA
To Langley Attention: Dr. H. J. E. Reid

Subject: Request for increase in land at Langley

Reference: Langley letter of July 30, 1957, PJC, JCM. occ, signed H. J. E. Reid

1. There is enclosed a copy of NACA Headquarters letter of August 13, 1957 to AFOIE-R pertaining to the subject request.

2. Information regarding all developments will be forwarded.

Paul G. Dembling
Paul G. Dembling
Legal Adviser

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August 13, 1957

Colonel Thomas H. Garrett
Chief, Real Estate Division, AFOIE-R
Directorate of Real Property
USAF
Room 5E369, The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Formal request is herewith made for an indeterminate lease of approximately 67 acres of land from the Langley Air Force Base to the NACA Langley Aeronautical Laboratory, Langley Field, Virginia, as shown on the attached print of drawing SK-JMV-9, dated July 22, 1957. This action will promote the national defense and will be in the public interest.

This area will be used by NACA for the development of the hypersonic physics test area, the siting of which has been approved by the Air Force (see April 24, 1957 letter attached).

All pertinent correspondence regarding this matter is attached.

Please advise NACA of the action officer on this matter. If you desire any additional information on this matter, please contact Mr. Paul G. Dembling, NACA Legal Adviser, on Government code 131, extension 84929.

Early action on this request would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Victory
Executive Secretary

Enclosures: 2 copies each of
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Washington, D. C.
September 17, 1957

From NACA
To Langley Attention: Dr. H. J. E. Reid

Subject: Request for increase in land at Langley

References: (a) Langley letter, July 30, 1957, PJC, JCM. occ signed H. J. E. Reid
(b) NACA Hdqtrs letter, August 13, 1957, KB:mhh, signed Paul G. Dembling

1. Negotiations with the Air Force and the Army Corps of Engineers looking toward early finalization of the permit for 67 acres of land to be used by Langley Aeronautical Laboratory are continuing. In the interim period, should you require entry to the land in question, or have any difficulties about this matter, please advise and we shall obtain an interim permit which can be used until the final permit is prepared and available.

Paul G. Dembling
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Washington, D. C.
September 24, 1957

From NACA
To Langley

Subject: Temporary permit for approximately 67 acres of land

1. Forwarded is a copy of a letter received from the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Norfolk District, which grants a right of entry to use and occupy approximately 67 acres of land at the Langley Air Force Base as shown on NACA map SK-JMV-9, dated July 22, 1957, for the development of a hypersonic physics test area.

2. The final permit should be available to us in the near future.

Paul G. Dembling
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P. O. BOX 119
NORFOLK 1, VA.

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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
NORFOLK DISTRICT
FOOT OF FRONT STREET
NORFOLK 1, VIRGINIA

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20 September 1957

National Advisory Committee
for Aeronautics
1512 H. Street, NW
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Mr. J. F. Victory, Executive Secretary

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter, dated 13 August 1957, to the Chief, Real Estate Division, AFOIE-R, Directorate of Real Property, USAF, wherein the use of an additional land area at the Langley Air Force Base is requeste for the development of a hypersonic physics test area by the NACA Langley Aeronautical Laboratory. Authority to grant the desired usage was received in this office 19 September 1957.

Pending the preparation and execution of an amendment to the Permit of 2 March 1939, as amended, a right of entry is hereby granted your Committee to use and occupy approximately 67 acres of land at the Langley Air Force Base, as shown on NACA map SK-JMV-9, dated 22 July 1957, for the development of a hypersonic physics test area.

This right of entry is temporary only and is granted subject to all the terms and conditions contained in the original Permit of 2 March 1939, and subsequent amendments, and will be superseded by a further amendment to said permit.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Yours very truly,

F. O. BAUM
Asst. Chief, Real Estate Division

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Washington, D. C.
October 15, 1957

From NACA
To Langley

Subject: Permit for use of approximately 67 acres of land at Langley Air Force Base

1. Forwarded is a copy of a letter dated October 15, 1957, to the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Norfolk District, Norfolk, Virginia. As indicated in this letter, it is proposed to review the original permit and subsequent amendments thereto in order to obtain a current all-inclusive permit.

2. In this connection, it is requested that your laboratory review the permit and amendments with a view to indicating any modifications required.

Paul G. Dembling/a

Paul G. Dembling
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October 15, 1957

Corps of Engineers, United States Army
Office of the District Engineer
Norfolk District
P. O. Box 119
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Attention: Real Estate Division
Ref: File NAORM (Langley AFB-NACA) UM

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the telephone conversation on October 14, 1957, between Mr. R. N. McGuirt and Mr. Kurt Berlin, of this office, regarding the permit for the use of some 67 acres of land at the Langley Air Force Base, Langley Field, Virginia, by NACA's Langley Aeronautical Laboratory.

We agree that a revised over-all permit incorporating the original permit of 2 March 1939 and the subsequent amendments should be written. Therefore, it is proposed to review these permits and amendments and to meet with representatives of your office in the near future.

Pursuant to your request, enclosed are copies of the following amendments to the 2 March 1939 permit: 23 August 1939; 27 February 1940; 8 May 1940; 11 July 1940; and 3 October 1940.

Very truly yours,

Paul G. Dembling

Paul G. Dembling
Legal Adviser

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WHEREAS by instrument dated March 2, 1939, permission, revocable at will by the Secretary of War, was granted to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics to use and occupy Plot No. 16 and other portions of the Langley Field Military Reservation, Virginia, for the purpose of constructing, using, operating and maintaining thereon buildings, structures and utilities necessary in scientific research and experiments in the problems of flight, as indicated on the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics' drawing No. X-6400, last revision date November 7, 1938; and

WHEREAS the said instrument was amended on August 23, 1939, October 30, 1939, February 3, 1940, February 27, 1940 and May 8, 1940 to grant the permittee permission to use and occupy an additional area on said reservation; to construct thereon the buildings and structures described in said amendments; to make connection to the Langley Field water system and to take therefrom quantities of water for the permittees activities at Langley Field, and to construct an addition to its Free-Spinning Wind Tunnel on the said reservation; and

WHEREAS the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics has made application for permission to install, operate and maintain an electric power cable and a telephone cable on the said reservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the SECRETARY OF WAR hereby further amends the said instrument of March 2, 1939, so as to grant the NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS permission to install, operate and maintain an electric power cable and a telephone cable on and across the LANGLEY FIELD MILITARY RESERVATION, Virginia, in the location indicated in red on photostat of photograph attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to the following provisions and conditions:

1. That the said cables shall be installed in one trench and shall be buried at such depth as may be approved by the Commanding Officer, Langley Field or other competent military authority provided that a separation of not less than 12 inches of well tamped earth or 6 inches of concrete is maintained.

2. That any damage to War Department property or interference with facilities on said reservation caused by the installation, operation and maintenance of said cables on the reservation shall be immediately repaired or corrected by the permittee to the satisfaction of the said Commanding Officer, or other competent military authority.

IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS the provisions and conditions of the original instrument of March 2, 1939, as amended shall remain in full force and effect and shall be applicable to this amendment.

DATED this 11th day of July, 1940.

/S/ LOUIS JOHNSON
The Assistant Secretary of War.

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Washington, D. C.
October 18, 1957

From NACA
To Langley

Subject: Permit for use of approximately 67 acres of land at Langley Air Force Base

Reference: NACA letter dated October 15, 1957, DEMB:mhh /s/ Paul G. Dembling

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated October 14, 1957 from the Real Estate Division of the U. S. Army Engineer District at Norfolk, Virginia, to NACA Headquarters.

Paul G. Dembling/m

Paul G. Dembling
Legal Adviser

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DISPOSITION FORM

FILE NO. NAORM

SUBJECT Permit for Use of 67 Acres of Land at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

TO Headquarters
The National Advisory
Committee for Aeronautics
1512 H Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

FROM Chief, M&D Br
Real Est Div
U S Army Engr Dist,
Norfolk

DATE 14 Oct 57

COMMENT NO. 1

ATTN: Mr. Berlin

Gentlemen:

In accordance with telephone conversation of this date between Mr. Berlin of your office and the undersigned, there is inclosed herewith copy of indorsement to our higher authority recommending the execution of an amendment to your existing permit for use of additional facilities at Langley Field, Va. This indorsement, contrary to my thinking and advice to Mr. Berlin over the phone, was dispatched today, 14 October 1957, rather than last week.

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Chief, Management & Disposal Branch

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NACRM (28 Aug 57) 3d Ind
SUBJECT: Permit for Use of 67 Acres of Land at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, by National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics

U. S. Army Engineer District, Norfolk, Norfolk, Va., 14 Oct 57

THRU: Division Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer Division, North Atlantic, New York, N. Y.

TO: Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in preceding correspondence, there is inclosed herewith amendment to permit of 2 March 1939.

2. In accordance with para 3, preceding 1st Indorsement, a right of entry, subject to the terms and conditions of the original permit, as amended, was issued the NACA on 20 September 1957.

3. It is recommended that the inclosed amendment, if approved, be processed to the Secretary of the Air Force for execution.

4. The original permit of 2 March 1939 has been modified by 16 amendments, in addition to the subject amendment. These amendments are dated as follows:

23 August 1939	28 February 1942
30 October 1939	18 October 1943
3 February 1940	13 December 1944
27 February 1940	6 August 1945
8 May 1940	20 February 1948
11 July 1940	5 August 1949
3 October 1940	3 October 1950
23 April 1941	31 July 1952

The files of this District do not contain copies of the amendments of 23 August 1939, 27 February, 8 May, 11 July, and 3 October 1940, and it is not known what bearing these amendments may have had on the permit.

5. In view of the numerous amendments to this permit, it is recommended that consideration be given to the consolidation in one permit of all of the privileges heretofore granted to the Committee.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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LONEY W. HART
Chief, Real Estate Division

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