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AIR MINISTRY,

INFORMATION DIVISION,

WHITEHALL GARDENS,

LONDON, S.W.1.

6th August, 1953.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to Royal Air Force Station, Wyton, Hunts., on Tuesday next, 11th August, to witness the training of the Royal Air Force Canberra teams entered in the London - New Zealand Air Race which starts on 8th October.

The R.A.F. has entered three Canberra photographic reconnaissance aircraft in the speed section of the race, as well as one Valiant (which will be the subject of a Press facility at a later date).

The Canberra Air Race Flight is under the command of Wing Commander L.M. Hodges, D.S.O., D.F.C. who will speak to the Press on the planning, training and organisation involved. Other officers of the Flight will speak on the flying and navigation techniques.

The pilots and navigators will be available for interview and, after lunch, for photography with their aircraft.

Details will also be given of the organisation necessary at the various staging posts on the Race route and of the personnel who will be based at these posts; and also of training and proving flights along the route.

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A coach will leave Air Ministry, Horseguards Avenue, at 8.30 a.m., and those wishing to proceed independently should reach Wyton not later than 11.15 a.m. Passes will be necessary and it should be indicated whether Air Ministry transport is required. Acceptances please to Trafalgar 8811, Extensions 6407 or 6409.

Yours faithfully,

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for Chief Information Officer.

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Main Guard Room

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Print all names. Attach Press Clippings or other material.
If the story looked good to you, say so, if it didn't, say so too.

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If you were assessing it editorially, what would you say?		
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