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AIR MINISTRY,  
INFORMATION DIVISION,  
WHITEHALL GARDENS,  
LONDON, S.W.1

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11th February, 1961

Dear Sir,

The English Electric Lightning all-weather fighter is in service with Royal Air Force Fighter Command and the first squadron to be equipped is No.74 at R.A.F. Station, Coltishall, Norfolk. Coltishall is Commanded by Group Captain H.A.C. Bird-Wilson, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., and No.74 Squadron by Squadron Leader J.F.G. Howe.

2. Arrangements have been made for a press visit to Coltishall on Thursday, 23rd February.
3. In order that adequate film and photographic coverage, both in the air and on the ground, can be obtained, we have arranged that Tuesday, February 21st, shall be devoted to photography and you are invited to send cameramen to Coltishall on that day.
4. No limit to the number of photographers who wish to visit Coltishall to obtain pictures on the ground is being imposed but because of the limited number of positions available for air-to-air photography, a roto system is being arranged for air-to-air pictures. Arrangements to select representatives for the air-to-air rota are being made through the appropriate organisations. An additional day, Wednesday, February 22nd, has been allowed in order to complete air-to-air photography if bad weather prevents this on the Tuesday.
5. Since this arrangement for photography is for the general convenience of photographers and cameramen, it is emphasised that pictures and film obtained on this day must not be published until mid-day on February 23rd.
6. Photographers visiting Coltishall on February 21st should arrive by 9.30 a.m. No accommodation is available at the R.A.F. Station but for those who wish to stay in Norwich overnight on 20th/21st February arrangements have been made for R.A.F. transport to meet them at the car park at the square at Tomland, near Purdy's Restaurant, leaving at 8.45 a.m., for Coltishall.
7. Similar arrangements have been made for writers who wish to stay overnight in Norwich on 22nd/23rd February. Transport will leave Norwich at 8.45 a.m. Those arriving by their own transport should reach Coltishall not later than 9.30 a.m.
8. Passes will be required to enter the R.A.F. Station. Indications of acceptance of this invitation and requests for passes should be made to Information Division, Air Ministry, on TRAFalgar 8811, extensions 7454 or 7446, as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

C. L. Fisher

for Chief Information Officer

The Editor.

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