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Chanceller Deane W. Malett, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

April 16, 1944 will mark the end of the first year for the Navy CAA War Training School at the University of Kansas. During that time, 319 Aviation Cadets have been trained at this Activity and have been sent on to various Pre-Flight Schools for further aviation training. I want to take this opportunity to express my opinion of the operation as a whole based on my observations during the past year.

The entire ground school section of the training program has been excellent. The Aeronautical Engineering Department, the Coordinator, and the individual instructors are all very capable men and have done a very conscientious sincere job of instructing our cadets. Teaching facilities and equipment of various kinds have been made available in an all out effort to create a superior ground school section. Cooperation has at all times been very good.

The Physical Education Department, in the face of heavily taxed facilities due to other military units, has at all times made available to us the necessary facilities and space to carry on our important physical education program. The man assigned from the University Staff to handle our cadets is very capable and has done a very good job.

Housing and messing, particularily since we have occupied our present barracks, has been very adequate. The houses have been well maintained and kept comfortable at all times. Mrs. Ramage who has handled the food problem and acted as House Mother practically all the time since this program started has done an outstanding job. Her efforts have gone a long way toward keeping the moral of our trainees at a high level.

As you know, difficulties and problems have arisen from time to time in the past year at the flight operation. For the past few months, we have had a Flight Officer at the Airport and since the first of the year I can say that the entire flight operation has run more smoothly and more efficiently than at any time in the past. The flight operator has made every effort to cooperate with us in maintaining a Navy Military Flight Operation.

In writing this letter, I do so in the light that these are my own observations and not official navy statements.

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