

25 MAY 1959

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SUBSIEVER

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation for Support on Recent DISCOVERER
Capsule Search to Commander-in-Chief, Royal Norwegian
Air Force

1. The attached letter of appreciation to the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Norwegian Air Force is forwarded for your approval and further transmission to General White for signature.
2. The letter is both timely and appropriate in expressing our sincere appreciation for their effort in support of the DISCOVERER II capsule search at Spitzbergen, Norway.

Original Signed
O. J. RYLAND

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Ltr to HQAF,
Oslo, Norway

O. J. RYLAND
Brig General, USAF
Commander

Officially signed by the Secretary

Colonel Robert F. Kitching
Commander, 1st
Special Operations Air Force
Koror, Pohnpei, Micronesia

Dear General Mitchell:

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to you and your staff for your excellent efforts in support of the United States Air Force in the recent search mission for Navigator II.

It is regrettable that we were unable to give you more advanced notice of the arrival of our personnel under your command, who were already carrying a heavy work load by regular assignment, were normally occupied with the additional support of our activities. I am sure, however, that each individual undertook these additional duties with a spirit of enthusiasm and worked unhesitatingly for the success of a noble and common end. This important provision of prompt, effective, and enthusiastic local assistance rendered by the Air Force personnel was most gratifying and of inestimable value to the United States Air Force.

The high experience level in the thoroughness of the search, the thoroughness of the direct supervision of your voluntary personnel, and the support under less than ideal conditions. Our project personnel and their great pride in their association with the project and the fact that the personnel considered themselves in a position to make a contribution in locating the Navigator II.

My report will list names of those certain individuals who have demonstrated exceptional value as well as personal appreciation.

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It is with great personal satisfaction and appreciation that I tender this letter to you indicating my observations and acknowledgment of your dedicated energy, your warm friendship, and your traditional Norwegian hospitality.

Sincerely,

WRZMP
Capt. Fruge

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