My dear Governor:

Answering your inquiry of June 18th, concerning the possibilities of your son, Peter, getting an opportunity for pilot training, I fear the time has passed in which he could enter the training schools provided under the CAA. These summer schools, under the CAA, began on June 18th, and the quota in every institution was filled before the training schools were opened. The next opportunity will come in September when the fall semester of the colleges open up. If your son cares to return to one of these Universities or Colleges which provide the training, I think you would have an excellent chance of having him included.

The primary course requires 35 to 50 hours of flying and the secondary course builds up the time in the air to between 70 and 80 hours. To get both primary and secondary courses, your son would have to stay in college throughout the entire next college year. However, if he is engaged in business and does not want to leave his business, he can easily make arrangements to be taught to fly and given the same instructions that he would get in these CAA schools, by one of the private flying schools around New York. The training he would thus get would be substantially the equivalent of the training he would get in the CAA course, and would provide him with the fundamentals necessary for subsequent training in case of war as a military flyer.

Of course, the opportunity for the young man to enlist in the army or navy and enter the aviation schools maintained by either of them, is available. In both cases, he would graduate in the course of a year if he passed the necessary examination, with the rank of Second Lieutenant of the Flying Corps in the Army. This course takes at least a year at the present time but I understand the training is going to be intensified, and as a result the course will not take that long. However, this does involve an obligation to serve after graduation, whether there is a war or not.

I trust this information is what you desire, but on the chance that he may have some further suggestions to make to you,
I am sending your letter on to Mr. Grove Webster who is in charge of the civilian pilot training program of the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Washington, D. C.

With sincere regards, I am,

Yours truly,

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Albany, N. Y.