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Dear Brown,

I enclose herewith a few photos of the latest model of the NA.16 showing the retractile undercarriage and the new rotating rear seat. The only difference between this aeroplane and the advanced type ordered by us is the engine. In addition ours has built in Bomb racks and a Bomb sighting window in the floor. The engine cowling will be identical, but the engine has a gear box on the front and carries a three blade propeller.

From tests made on the model here shown, which is the first of the new series, a speed of 216 at 5,000 ft. was obtained. It is predicted that with our aeroplane, which has 50 H.P. more and is supercharged to 8,000 ft., the speed will be about 225 M.P.H. In the specification given us, which was written before these tests, the conservative speed of 216 was given for our plane. This has actually been obtained since with the direct drive engine. It is certain to be exceeded in our plane. I thought the Directors would like to see these photos, and I know the Air Board will.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) L.J. Wackett