14th January, 1937.

B. Lewis, Esq., 20 Olola Avenue, VAUCLUSE. SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11th January enclosing letter addressed to the Corporation by Messrs. Hawker Siddeley Aircraft Co. Ltd., for which I thank you,

The letter to Mesers. Hawker Siddeley does not call for reply at this stage, but in reply to your own enquiry as to whether there is any way in which the proposals made can be forwarded by you, I would say that, if at some later date it is thought this can be done, we will be happy to communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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20 OLOLA AVENUE, VAUCLUSE, SYDNEY. IIth January, 1937

The Secretary,
The Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation Pty.Ltd.,
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 23rd November,
I have pleasure in enclosing a letter addressed
to you from Messrs. Hawker Siddeley Aircraft Co.,
Ltd.

I note from the statements recently issued by the Minister of Defence that your company has decided to commence manufacture of Type N.A.I6. It is hoped, however, that when the stage is reached when more advanced types of British Military Aircraft are to be manufactured, that it will be possible to come to some mutually satisfactory arrangement with Messrs. Hawker Siddeley.

Meanwhile, my principals are willing to discuss the question of mutual assistance and development, and I shall be glad to know whether there is any way in which the suggestion contained in your letter of 23rd November can be furthered.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

COPY.

G.P.O. BOX 169 D., (AUSTRALIAN CLUB)
SYDNEY.

27th February, 1937.

Dear Mr. Essington Lewis,

Now that the tumult of publicity has died down, I feel must send you a short message.

Hawker-Siddeley have much deplored the prominence this matter has received during the past month or so. As far as they are concerned, they are, and always have been, averse to making any statements to the press - and consider this most undesirable.

Much that has been published is inaccurate and even the statements made by the Minister of Defence seemed unnecessary.

While it was naturally regretted the C.A.C. could not respond to the proposals made, the Group still hopes that at some later date, it will be decided to manufacture certain of their types - as indicated by the letter received from the Secretary last year.

With kindest wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Signed ... BRIAN LEWIS.

Essington Lewis Esq., MELBOURNE.

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422 Little Collins Street,
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The Secretary,
Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation Pty. Ltd.,
422 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE: C.1.

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Dear Sir.

For your information I enclose copy of letter of 27th February received from Mr. Brian Lewis, together with copy of my reply thereto of even date, both of which will speak for themselves.

Yours faithfully,

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