

30th November, 1937.

Brian Lewis, Esq.,
20 Olola Avenue,
Vaucluse,
SYDNEY .. N.S.W.

Dear Sir:

I have to thank you for your letter of 24th November, intimating that, in view of the various mis-statements appearing in the press, you deemed it advisable to reiterate your previous advices that the Hawker Siddeley group are always willing to negotiate with this Company for the manufacture of their aircraft and engines in Australia.

Your letter was submitted to the meeting of my Board held today, and contents duly noted.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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24th November, 1937.

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The Secretary,
Commonwealth Aircraft Co., Pty., Ltd.,
422, Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.I.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 14th January last, I wish to advise that the Hawker Siddeley Group are always willing to negotiate with your Company, for the manufacture of their aircraft and engines, etc., in Australia.

I feel it is necessary to mention the foregoing, owing to the many misstatements now appearing in the Press.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Alan Lewis

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*422 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne* 29th November, 1937.

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Aircraft Corp. Pty. Ltd.,
PORT MELBOURNE: S.C.8.

Dear Sir,

For your information I enclose copy
of letter of 24th November received from Mr. Brian
Lewis of Sydney, together with copy of my reply of
even date, both of which will speak for themselves.

Yours faithfully,

Erin Thompson

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SYDNEY

Essington Lewis, Esq.,
The Broken Hill Pty. Ltd.,
422 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE:

Dear Mr. Essington Lewis,

There has recently been a recrudescence of publicity in Sydney regarding aircraft manufacture in Australia, and amongst other things, it is stated, in effect, that "owing to the C.A.C.'s decision last year, to manufacture an American type, the British firms are averse to granting rights to manufacture types and engines etc."

I would like it to be understood, that, as far as the Hawker Siddeley Group is concerned, there is no justification for this suggestion. The situation has remained unchanged, and the Group is, at all times, prepared to negotiate with the C.A.C. for their possible requirements. The proposals made last year could always form the basis of negotiations, and the Group would welcome an opportunity to initiate relations. Personally, I have not anticipated a change in policy, but I am anxious that the Hawker Siddeley Group should participate, if and when, it is decided to manufacture British aircraft and engines.

I shall be at Woodend at Christmas and the New Year, and hope to have the pleasure of calling on you, if you are in Melbourne at that time.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

)Sgd.) Brian Lewis.

John Lewis,
I thank you for your letter of 27th February. I was glad to receive this note and also more than pleased to have your assurance that the Hawker Siddeley Group were not in any way concerned with the newspaper publicity which has been so extensively carried out in New South Wales recently.

I note with further pleasure that your Group still hope at some later date that they and we will be able to link up in some license for manufacture.

Since this matter will be so interesting to the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation Pty. Ltd., I am sending a copy of your letter and my reply to them.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sydney Essington Lewis

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16th December, 1936.

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation Pty. Ltd.,
Stock Exchange Building,
422, Little Collins Street,
Melbourne.
Australia.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Brian Lewis has forwarded us a
copy of your communication of November 18th.

We appreciate your position and are
quite prepared at any later date to discuss the
question of mutual assistance and development in
Australia, either for civil or military types
of aircraft, or both, and for such accessories
and components as we control.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
HAWKER SIDDELEY AIRCRAFT CO. LTD.


Director.

18th November, 1936.

Brian Lewis Esq.,
20 Olola Avenue,
VAUCLUSE,
Sydney. N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

Your letters of 21st October and 6th November addressed to Mr. Essington Lewis seeking a decision from the new Company on the suggestions put forward for co-operation with the Hawker-Siddeley group for the manufacture of aircraft in Australia were carefully considered at the Meeting of the Directors of this Company held yesterday.

The capital of Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation Pty. Ltd. has been subscribed by the various members who comprised the original Syndicate, of whom you have full knowledge, and it is not the present intention to ask for further capital, at any rate for the time being.

With regard to the remaining proposals for co-operation, it was decided to inform you that the Company does not intend to accept the proposals as submitted but will be interested to keep in constant touch in connection with technical developments and may at some later date be desirous of taking up a manufacturing license for some product of the Hawker Siddeley group.

In conveying the Board's decision on these matters I was also asked to express their appreciation to the Hawker-Siddeley group, through you, for the consideration which they have no doubt given to the preparing of the proposals put forward.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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