

21st February, 1936.

Dear Mr. Brian Lewis,

I thank you for your letter of the 18th February advising that Messrs. Hawker-Siddeley's comprehensive proposals for co-operation are in the course of preparation and will be forwarded at an early date.

I also note that Sir John Siddeley may visit Australia, and I will convey this information to the members of the Syndicate when next we meet.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Brian Lewis, Esq.,
17 Sutherland Crescent,
DARLING POINT. N.S.W.

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17, Sutherland Crescent,
Darling Point.

18th February 1936.

Essington Lewis Esq.,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Essington Lewis,

Thank you very much for your letter
of February 10th.

I have just been advised by Messrs.
Hawker-Siddeley that comprehensive proposals for
co-operation are in the course of preparation and
will be forwarded at an early date.

The Directors consider it very
advisable that one of their number should visit
Australia as soon as possible. The Chairman -
Sir John Siddeley is at present in South Africa
and he hopes to continue his journey on here.
His arrival date has not been mentioned but I think
it likely he will be here in about four or five
weeks time.

Sir John Siddeley's firm - Messrs.
Armstrong Aircraft Company - was one of the earliest
to manufacture Aircraft. He was one of the
pioneers in developing Aircraft Engines and is an
expert in every department of the industry.

I hope the members of your Syndicate
will agree that his presence will be mutually
beneficial to all concerned.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Lewis.

10th February, 1936.

Brian Lewis, Esq.,
17 Sutherland Crescent,
Darling Point,
S Y D N E Y:

Dear Mr. Brian Lewis,

I have to thank you very much indeed
for your letter of 3rd February, contents of which I
showed to the members of the Syndicate today.

Yours faithfully,

Managing Director.

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Tuesday*

17, Sutherland Crescent,
Darling Point,
Sydney.

3rd February 1936.

Essington Lewis Esq.,
MELBOURNE.

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Dear Mr. Essington Lewis,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 29th January, and for the message conveyed from the Members of your Syndicate.

It was very kind of you to suggest that I might send you some further information regarding my former activities.

Enclosed is a list of the offices I have filled. It should be mentioned that many of the Directorships were held by virtue of my position as Managing Director of a leading British firm in the East. The experience gained, however, through my connection with these companies covered a wide field of activities and gave me a deep insight into the methods employed by these various concerns.

My more personal experience has been administrative, and has covered company formation, control and management, organising trading departments, negotiating agreements and contracts etc. which has provided me with an intimate knowledge of finance and Exchange. I organised a large Engineering Group which now operates in the East, and as a result know personally the heads of many leading Engineering firms in the United Kingdom.

My close association with Aircraft commenced in 1928 and I have kept in touch with the industry ever since. I founded and was Chairman of the Far East Aviation Co. Ltd. and while not claiming technical knowledge, I learned to fly so as to have a better understanding of the Company's activities.

Naturally I feel rather reticent at detailing what I have done, but should further information be desired, might I suggest a word to the names appended, all of whom are acquainted with my former activities.

The proposals from Hawker-Siddeley should be received at the end of the month, and I look forward to the pleasure of discussing them with you and your colleagues.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Brian Lewis

Mr. Louis Beale, C.B.E.,
H.B.M. Commercial Counsellor of Legation,
H.M. Consulate General, Shanghai.

Mr. Arthur Reiss,
34, Princess Street, Manchester, England.

Colonel L. Moore Cosgrave,
Canadian Trade Commissioner, Melbourne.

1919 Joined Reiss Bros. Eastern Merchants
and Engineers. Manchester, London
Shanghai, Hongkong.

1926 Became a Director of Reiss Massey & Co. Ltd.
China and then Managing Director.

Subsequently became a Director of :-

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Hongkong Telegraph Co. Ltd.

Hongkong Realty & Trust Co. Ltd.

Far East Aviation Co. Ltd.

North China Insurance Co.

Established Aircraft (China) Ltd.

Member of Advisory Committee Union
Insurance Society of Canton.

Member of General Committee -
Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.
British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai.

Reiss Bros. Ltd. Manchester.

Retired from China December 1934.

Resigned from Reiss Bros. Ltd. October 1935.

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