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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1940

Excellency:

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your urgent note no. 383, dated August 7, 1940, in which you inquire whether permission might be granted for Messrs. D.C.T. Bennett, R.H. Page and I.G. Ross, senior captains of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, to make test flights of aircraft of the Lockheed, Consolidated and Douglas Companies in California. In response, I have the honor to confirm the information conveyed to the Embassy by an officer of this Department on August 9, 1940, namely, that the Civil Air Regulations provide for

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Will you  
tell them to  
apply to  
Mr. Namist?  
I believe  
as meaning  
that they will  
be given  
private pilots'  
certificates  
straight away  
on application.

the issuance of private pilots' certificates to holders of pilots' certificates of competency issued by a foreign country, and that therefore on the assumption that the title to the planes to be used for the purpose of making the test flights will remain in the manufacturers until

after

The Right Honorable  
The Marquess of Lothian, C.H.,  
British Ambassador.



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after the test flights have been made, Messrs. Bennett, Page and Ross may obtain private pilots' certificates which will permit them to make the desired flights, from Mr. J. S. Marriott, Regional Manager, Civil Aeronautics Authority, 1508 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, California.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

*R. W. M. M. M.*