

Night Letter

5 April, 1946

General Gregory; Attention Col. Kenderdine
War Assets Administration
Railroad Retirement Building
Washington D.C.

REFERENCE IS MADE YOUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH GRAVELY
RELATIVE HENDRICKS FIELD. WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE TO RETAIN ON F
FIELD EQUIPMENT ON INVENTORY TRANSMITTED TO MR. CUMMINGS
OF YOUR ORGANIZATION SO WE CAN MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO VETERANS
AIR EXPRESS COMPANY TO USE IN MODIFICATION OF SURPLUS ARMY
TRANSPORTS AND ALSO BUILDINGS FOR ABOVE PURPOSES AND FOR
PROCESSING AND PACKAGING PERISHABLE FOODS. SCHEDULE OF
BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FROM MR. CUMMINGS. ALSO
MUST HAVE AUTHORITY FROM COMMANDING GENERAL ARMY AIR FORCES
TO PROJECT OFFICER HENDRICKS FIELD TO GIVE RIGHT OF ENTRY
AND USE OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES UNDER INTERIM USE PERMIT
ISSUED TO CITY OF SEBRING DATED 18 FEBRUARY. CAN YOUR
OFFICE ARRANGE THIS PD END

A. C. ALTVATER

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5 April, 1946

Mr. Frank Cummings
War Assets Administration
Railroad Retirement Building
Washington D.C.

WIRING COL. KENDERDINE RELATIVE EQUIPMENT ON HENDRICKS FIELD
SUGGESTING FREEZING PROPERTY AND ARRANGING WITH COMMANDING
GENERAL ARMY AIR FORCES TO AUTHORIZE ARMY ~~XIXXXXXXX~~ PROJECT
OFFICER HENDRICKS FIELD TO RECOGNIZE RIGHT OF ENTRY AND USE
OF FIELD AND EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS STOP WILL YOU MAKE
BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT INVENTORY RECENTLY SENT YOU AVAILABLE
TO COL. KENDERDINE AND EXPLAIN OUR PROBLEMS TO HIM.

A. C. ALTVATER.

From Col. Kenderdine to FPHA (Copy to Mayor McGee)

9 April, 1946

UNDERSTAND VETERANS' AIR EXPRESS COMPANY ARE NEGOTIATING
WITH CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA FOR USE OF FACILITIES, HENDRICKS
FIELD, AS AN OPERATIONAL AND MODIFICATION BASE FOR THEIR
VETERANS' AIRLINE ORGANIZATION. CERTAIN HOUSING UNITS
ADJACENT TO THE FIELD AND ON THE RESERVATION WILL BE NEEDED
BY THIS ORGANIZATION FOR THE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES
WORKING FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND TAKING APPRENTICE TRAINING.
THESE HOUSING UNITS ARE NOW FURNISHED WITH REFRIGERATORS AND
STOVES WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE RETAINED IN ORDER FOR OCCUPANCY.
RECOMMEND EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION FOR PERMISSION OF
OCCUPANCY BY THIS ORGANIZATION BY THIS ORGANIZATION IN THESE
HOUSING UNITS AT HENDRICKS FIELD."

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SEBRING, FLORIDA

4 May 1946

Col. Kinderdine,
War Assets Administration,
Railroad Retirement Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Col. Kinderdine;

We are enclosing copies of letters which will be helpful in explaining our application for the housing units now vacant on Hendricks Field. We were advised by a representative of the real estate division of the Corps of Engineers, to make application to your office. As will be noted from our letter to the Federal Public Housing Authority, we have also made application to them.

The companies which plan to operate from Hendricks Field are now staffed by 100% veteran personnel and they expect to use veterans in their operations insofar as veterans are available to fill their needs. Therefore, the need for the units will be practically all for veterans.

We note your wire to the Atlanta Office of the FHHA, dated 9 April in which you called attention to the fact that the stoves and refrigerating units would be needed in the operation of these units. It is our understanding that these have been declared surplus to the War Assets Administration and that it is proposed to sell them. Therefore, we would presume that any necessary action to prevent the sale should originate through the War Assets office.

These stoves and refrigerating units are now warehoused in a hangar, right of entry to which has been granted to the City of Sebring and which the Veterans' Air Express wishes to begin using immediately. The Project Officer of Hendricks Field has advised us that they may not be moved as their location was noted in the declaration and they must remain there until disposition is made. Can your office order them returned to the housing units?

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Altvater,
Airport Manager.

May 7, 1946

Veterans Airline Express Company,
Pershing Hotel,
Miami, Florida

Gentlemen:

I have had a conversation with Major Soaper, Officer in command of Hendricks Field and he assures me that they will make every possible effort to vacate the hanger in which you would like to begin operations at the earliest possible moment. However, there is quite a quantity of material that has been declared surplus in this hanger and it seems that it must remain there until disposition has been obtained.

Major Soaper has had orders to ship the refrigeration units at an early date. This, together with the removal of the surplus property which has been earmarked for use on Hendricks Field, should give quite a little room in this hanger. but these operations will probably not be accomplished in time for you to do any considerable amount of work there this week. We have found Major Soaper and his staff very cooperative and we know that he will make every possible effort to expedite your work.

You may expect the agreement in the mail tomorrow.

Cordially yours,

A. C. Altvater,
Airport Manager

May 8, 1946

Mr. E. J. Baldwin, Jr.,
50 Whitehall Street,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

The War Assets Administration has authorized the Chief of Engineers to lease to the City of Sebring any buildings on Hendricks Field which were not included in the license.

The Veterans Air Express Company which plans to operate from Hendricks Field has need of two buildings which were not included in the license, for the purpose of warehousing and cold storing materials and perishable goods to be shipped by air by their Company. These are buildings #999 and #912 on the plan of Hendricks Field. At the time that Major Spivey was here we did not know that this Company would need these buildings and so did not urge the Major to include them in the license and we wish to inquire whether it will be possible to have them included and if this is not possible what action will be necessary to obtain a lease at a reasonable figure so that they may be used in the above operation.

Respectfully yours,

A. C. Altbater,
Airport Manager



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OFFICE OF THE DIVISION ENGINEER
SOUTH ATLANTIC DIVISION
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Hendricks Field
City of Sebring
SADRM-3

16 May 1946

Mr. A. C. Altbater
Airport Manager
Hendricks Field
Sebring, Florida

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request of 8 May concerning need of Veterans Air Express Company for two buildings at Hendricks Field, Florida, it is not possible to include buildings No. 999 and 912 under the license to the City for the use of Hendricks Field as a civilian airport. It will be necessary for Veterans Air Express Company to apply for a lease on the premises, since they will be used in private interprise.

A written request for the leasing of these two buildings by the Veterans Air Express Company should be directed to War Assets Administration, Washington, D. C. and if the request is approved by War Assets Administration, they will authorize this office to negotiate for lease at a fair rental.

FOR THE DIVISION ENGINEER:

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM B. JONES
Asst. Chief, Operations Section
Management & Disposal Branch
Real Estate Division

MEMORANDUM FOR BUILDING AND INSTALLED PROPERTY

1 June 1946

Building No. T-71
Technical Supply
Plan No. 700-396
Size 25' x 72'

Item	Quantity	Article
1.	11	Globes, White
2.	3	Toilets
3.	3	Lavatories
4.	2	Mirrors
5.	1	Urinal
6.	1	Drinking fountain (bubbler type)
7.	3	Dispensers, toilet paper
8.	1	Heater, "Sunbeam"
9		Cabinets w/doors, built-in supply

***** END *****

I hereby acknowledge receipt of responsibility for above named building and installed property, subject to regulations mutually agreed upon between the Veterans' Air Express Company and the City of Sebring, Florida. It is understood that none of the installed equipment may be removed from this building.

For City of Sebring

For Veterans' Air Express Company

MEMORANDUM RECEIPT FOR BUILDING AND INSTALLED PROPERTY

1 June 1946

Building No. T-70
Hangar
Plan # 5-133-4505
Size 125' x 162'

Item	Quan.	Article
1.	1	Fire extinguisher (Wheel type) 50 lb. CO2
2	4	Fire Extinguisher, 2½ gal. Foam
3.	2	Fire Extinguisher, 2ne gal. CTC
4.	1	Fire Extinguisher, 1½ gal. Water
5.	1	Steel stock bin, 9 & 36 hole, 36" x 89" x 30" x 18", 16 drawers
6.	1	Wood sink on stand 2'-6" x 5'
7.	1	#1141 Crane sink, w/2 drain boards, lead lined
8.	1	Wood stock bins, open end, 6' x 7' x 18"
9.	1	Wood stock bin, open end, 11' x 7' x 18"
10.	1	Wood stock bin, open end, 8' x 3' x 12"
11.	1	Wood stock bin, open end, 6½' x 7' x 12"
12.	136	Flourescent fixtures, w/2 tubes each,
13	16	Floodlights
14.	4	Obstacle lights (red)
15.	4	Toilets
16.	4	Lavatories
17.	2	Urinals
18.	2	Soap dispensers
19.	2	Paper towel dispensers
20.	3	Mirrors
21.	2	Light reflectors (for drop lights)
22.	1	Extension cord w/reel
23.	1	Stock room ladder

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For City of Sebring

For Veterans' Air Express Co.

MEMORANDUM RECEIPT FOR BUILDING AND INSTALLED PROPERTY

1 June 1946

Building No. T-72
Crew Chief
Plan No. 700-376
Size 25' x 51'

Item	Quantity	Article
1.	1	Space Heater, Estate #133
2.	1	Stock Bin, 8'-8" x 6'-6"
3.	1	Toilet
4.	1	Motor starting switch

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For the City of Sebring

For the Veterans' Air Express Company

MEMORANDUM RECEIPT FOR BUILDING AND INSTALLED PROPERTY

1 June 1946

Building No. T-73
Paint & Dope
Plan No. HF-54
Size 13' x 13'

Item	Quantity	Article
1.	1	Vapor-proof Ceiling outlet w/globe
2.		Built-in stock shelves

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For the City of Sebring

For the Veterans' Air Express Company

12 June 1946

Mr. Saunie Gravely, Pres.
Veterans Air Express Co.,
11 Commerce st.
Newark, New Jersey.

Suggest you investigate location of rent check period Collins
states it was mailed more than a week ago but it has not been
received here

A. C. Altvater.
Airport Manager

Prepay Lowest night rate
Chg. City of Sebring