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STATE DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

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Superintendent of Public Instruction

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I am inclosing a copy of "Plans and Procedures for Constructing Model Aircraft Requested by the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics for the Use of Military Forces and Civilian Defense."

After reading this letter and the "Plans and Procedures" will you please send me your reply immediately. This is another critical need of our armed forces which the schools are best able to meet.

There is an urgent need for the construction of 10,000 models each of 50 different aircraft, to be used by the army and navy air corps and by civilian defense units for purposes of aircraft identification, range estimation, and gunnery problems. Models will include both allied and axis planes.

Through the U. S. Office of Education, the secondary schools of the nation have been asked to construct these models immediately. Each state has been assigned a quota; Oregon's has been set at 80 sets of 50 planes each. In order to meet this quota, it is necessary for us to request that local school districts which have the facilities and personnel qualified to supervise the project accept assignment of a portion of the state quota. Your quota has been set at models.

It should be emphasized that elaborate shop equipment is not needed to construct these models; in fact, the simplest equipment is all that will be needed if there is in the school one or more instructors who understand the reading of blueprints and the demands of precision work which this project requires. The assignment of a quota does not limit the number of models which your students may make, but is merely for the purpose of assuring the production of the desired quantity. Plans and specifications to be furnished by the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics will be such that they can be used repeatedly or easily copied, and any number of models beyond the quota may be made for display purposes or for the personal use of students.

As State Director of the Model Aircraft Project, I have notified the U. S. Office of Education concerning the quota assigned to your school, and have suggested your name as the official who will be responsible for your local program. You will undoubtedly wish to request the cooperation of at least one of your staff members in the supervision of actual construction of the models. It is suggested that local model airplane clubs be contacted where these exist; in many cases they will be able to provide valuable assistance.

Please notify me at once concerning your willingness to accept this responsibility. If the quota assigned seems too large, or if you believe you can accept a larger quota, please notify me of that fact. Since your name and quota has already been sent to Washington, adjustments will need to be made as soon as possible.

It is suggested that publicity be given concerning the assistance your school is providing in this emergency program.

Sincerely yours,

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