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Microlight

Dear Bob,

As I had told you the other day, there has been a meeting of the Microlight Committee (C.I.M.A.) yesterday and I am sending you herewith the record which seems to me to be quite positive.

As usual, recommendations by this Group will have to be approved by C.A.S.I. and Council at their meetings to be held next February.

However, in view of the fact that there has been a clear stand taken unanimously on the question of microlight pilot certificates, you may wish to inform unofficially your friends in the I.C.A.O.

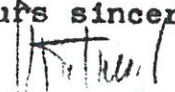
It is noteworthy that the Canadian and the American Delegates (Mr. Poberezny) in this meeting have been taking quite an active part, although to begin with the Americans were rather reluctant to let the F.A.I. take the lead.

The Committee has also noted that the definition of a microlight (less than 150 kilos empty weight) had been agreed by the General Conference in Tokyo. However, it has been accepted that, further to that definition, there can be national limitations. For instance, in the U.S.A., they are working on the assumption of a limitation of 100 kilos/1 seat.

On the whole, it seems to me that you can tell your friends in Montreal that we had quite a valuable discussion between what are probably the best experts in the world representing 14 "Western" countries (no East Block country attended). To sum up, it would be useful for us to know whether the competence of the F.A.I. will be recognised by I.C.A.O., as has been the case for balloons and gliders.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,


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cc: CIMA.