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## Letter from USAF General William J. Evans

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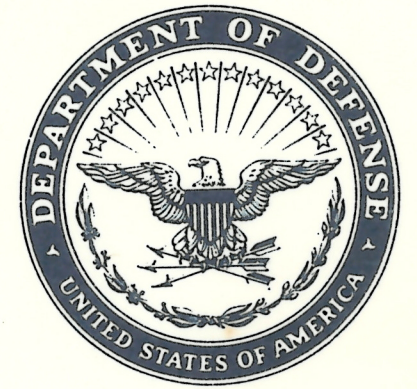
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND  
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4 MAY 1977

Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford  
Commander  
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Dear Tom

Thanks for a most profitable visit to Edwards. The changes in the appearance of the base since my last trip were startling. You and your people should be proud of the improvements that you have accomplished, and Edwards can now be categorized as the showplace of the Command.

Walking through your various facilities and meeting some of your key people were only rivaled by the flying on Friday. The B-1 flight was great, although I do intend to pass on to Ab Martin some areas where I believe improvements can be made in cockpit layout and switchology. I will also reinforce your concerns about the history of fuel leaks on the aircraft.

The opportunity to fly the Orbiter letdown and landing patterns was both unexpected and interesting. I hope that the separation test on 22 July remains on schedule and that I will be able to observe the landing.

Bette joins in sending you and Faye our appreciation and best wishes.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "WJ Evans", is located below the word "Sincerely".

WILLIAM J. EVANS  
General, USAF  
Commander