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Joseph Banks

Captain Robert Crawford
Box 453, Gore Field
Great Falls, Montana

Dear Captain Crawford:

The President's recent proclamation establishing August 1st as Air Force Day leads me to make a gratuitous suggestion. We were changed from the Army Air Corps to the Army Air Forces in 1942. We shall probably continue in the future to be known as the Army Air Force or the Air Force. We have in your song the best service song there is and the only good military song developed in this war.

The lyric of the song has, through no fault of its own, become obsolete in that its theme is the Army Air Corps instead of the Army Air Force. I wonder if it would be possible for you to reshape the verses to refer to our service by its present name. I believe such a revision would be welcomed by the men of the AAF and particularly by General Arnold.

I don't presume to suggest how the changes can be made - I don't even know if they can - but it occurs to me that the same spark of genius that produced the original can produce the revision. I hope you won't think this suggestion impertinent and should be very much interested in whether you think it has any merit or is at all practicable.

Sincerely yours,

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Colonel, A. C.,
Executive, CG/AAF.