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**Air Museum**

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Mayor Of San Diego  
City Manager  
And Members of the City Council  
Civic Center  
San Diego, Calif.

Gentlemen,

We here in The Air Museum are writing to you with regards to the old Japanese fighter plane which has been stored in a basement the last four to five years in Balboa Park. We would like to ask if this plane could be placed on display in our aviation aircraft section here in The Air Museum, Claremont, Calif., to exhibit it to the public where the people of Southern California area can see and view an original Japanese fighter plane.

This plane has for the last four to five years been stored away in a basement of a building in Balboa Park, and as such has been serving no useful purpose to the City except ~~the~~ take up space.

The Air Museum is the only aviation museum on the West Coast, and we are doing all we can to preserve and display planes of this type to the public so that they may be seen and viewed by the public. The Air Museum is an Educational Activity and as such we sponsor school tours and Boy Scout groups through the museum to encourage their interest in aeronautics.

The Air Museum is an incorporated body, operating under the sanction of law as a non-profit organization and Chartered by the State of California. The museum is dedicated to the preservation, perpetuation, and exhibition of historical aircraft and related aeronautica.

If we obtain this Japanese plane for our aviation museum and if the City of San Diego does start an aviation museum at a future date we would be glad to see the plane returned to the city. We would also like to state that we would have a special sign made and place it alongside the aircraft saying that this aircraft was donated by the City of San Diego.

If any futher information is needed as to the present usefulness of this plane to the City of San Diego the following citizens of San Diego can attest to its present disuse:

Mr. Tom Henebry 543 Oaklawn Ave, Chula Vista, Calif.

Mr. Henri G. D'Estout Civil Aeronautics Authority, Lindbergh Field, San Diego, Calif.

If this fighter plane is donated to the museum we would pay for transportation to our museum and at no expence to the city of San Diego.

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Sincerely Yours  
Edward Maloney



# THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 14, 1958

GENTLEMEN:

Returned herewith is Document No. 580 873, a communication from Mr. Edward Maloney, Head Curator, of the Air Museum in Claremont, California, requesting the loan of a city-owned Japanese fighter plane for display in the Air Museum.

This plane is a Japanese Zero which was given to the city in 1946 by the U. S. Navy for exhibition in an aeronautical or engineering museum. However, plans for such a museum have not materialized, although possibly this plane could appropriately be exhibited in the proposed Hall of Science and Industry now under consideration. The plane is presently stored in the basement of the Ford Building in Balboa Park and, although the city could not relinquish it permanently, this office can see no objection to allowing it to be exhibited in the Air Museum on a loan basis. This suggestion is concurred in by the 1st Vice President of the proposed Science and Industry Museum.

It is recommended that this office be authorized to offer the plane to the Air Museum for a limited period of time, provided that the museum assume all costs of transporting it to Claremont.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Bean,  
City Manager

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