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Mr. James B. Taylor, Jr.
Room 660
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New York, N. Y.

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your letter of December 27th offering to propose me for membership in the Aviation Country Club. This summer I landed at the field on four or five occasions, but unfortunately always due to bad weather en route between Holmes Airport and East Hampton. At East Hampton the W. P. A. completed during the past summer a very fine landing field with paved runways. With North Beach closed, I shifted my little Rearwin to wheels, with the idea of trying out "land plane commuting". It was very unsatisfactory, however, and during the latter part of August I bought a little Ranger Fairchild 24, which I have put on floats, keeping the ship in Port Washington and having the pilot ferry it into the river for me.

I am a confirmed float pilot after the two months experience of last summer, for aside from weather landings at the Country Club, I had one in a potato field and two additional at Riverhead. With the floats, as you know, you can get through with a nominal ceiling. For this reason I am afraid I could get very little if any use out of the Aviation Country Club. Perhaps some day the Club might consider a marine airport "landing" here in the river, in which case I could get some real value out of it.

Do let me know if you are free for luncheon some day and in this neighborhood. Again thanking you for offering to propose me for membership in the Aviation Country Club, I remain,

Sincerely,