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**BUFFALO, N. Y.**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

July 16, 1936

Bureau of Navigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. James B. Taylor Jr., is applying for a higher rating in the Naval Reserve and it gives me great pleasure in strongly recommending that the transfer that he is now requesting be approved.

Mr. Taylor has assisted us in the development and testing of the Scout Observation type of airplanes known as the Curtiss SOC-1, which are now standard on Cruisers and are being considered by the Navy Department for Battleships. In connection with the demonstration work on two different occasions before the Trial Board at Anacostia, I am advised that his flying and general handling of the airplane has been to the satisfaction of the Trial Board.

If there is any further information that we might be able to furnish that would be of assistance please call on us.

Sincerely,



Burdette S. Wright  
President

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July 29, 1940.

To: Bureau of Navigation  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

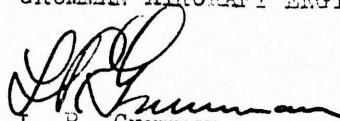
Subject: Lt. James B. Taylor, Jr., A-V(S), U.S.N.R. -  
Application for Change in Rating.

1. In connection with the application made by Lt. James B. Taylor, Jr., A-V(S), U.S.N.R., for change in rating, we are glad to make the following statement as to his ability and experience as an airplane pilot.

2. We consider Mr. Taylor one of the best qualified test pilots in the country and very well acquainted with this work, and on several occasions Mr. Taylor has conducted flight tests on experimental airplanes built by this Company for the United States Navy. We feel that Mr. Taylor's wide experience as a pilot coupled with his knowledge of aeronautical engineering would make him a valuable asset to the Naval Reserve for which he is making application.

Respectfully,

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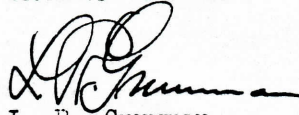
Subject: Mr. James B. Taylor, Jr. - Application for U. S. Naval  
Reserve Force (Aviation)

In connection with the application made by James B. Taylor, Jr. for joining the U. S. Naval Reserve Force, we are glad to make the following statement as to his ability and experience as an airplane pilot.

We consider Mr. Taylor one of the best qualified test pilots in the country, and have on several occasions employed him to conduct flight tests on our new models built for the Navy. Mr. Taylor has made preliminary flight tests on many of the Model F3F-1 airplanes - the latest single place planes now in service in the U. S. Navy. He also conducted the complete Navy Acceptance flight tests for this company on the Model J2F-1 airplane - the Navy's latest utility amphibian. An advanced type of single seater still in the experimental stage (the Model XF3F-2) has also been flown by Mr. Taylor. His wide experience as a pilot, coupled with his knowledge of Aeronautical Engineering, makes him valuable in flying and testing new types of airplanes.

Respectfully,

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July 22, 1940

Chief, Bureau of Navigation  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

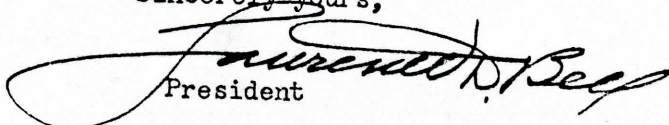
Mr. James B. Taylor, Jr., a Naval Reserve Officer, is now, I understand, endeavoring to change his commission to Specialist Class. Having known Mr. Taylor and the work he has been doing for the past several years, I feel it my duty to address you regarding Mr. Taylor's qualifications.

For the past several years Mr. Taylor's most important work has been in the flight testing of many types of high performing military airplanes for the manufacturers thereof. This work has involved two highly specialized phases; first, terminal velocity dives, spins, etc., which not only stresses the experimental airplanes nearly to their design loads but also imposes great physical strain on the pilot and, of course, secondly, this testing includes quantitative determinations of flying characteristics, such as stability, maneuverability, etc., which requires great experience and engineering knowledge on the part of the pilot. Mr. Taylor has done such testing on a consulting basis for our corporation and his work has been entirely satisfactory.

In this class of work Mr. Taylor has made an outstanding reputation for himself among the manufacturers of high performing airplanes in this country. He is recognized by the Army and Navy as an expert and his reports are accepted by them. In addition I happen to know the British Government consults Mr. Taylor on the characteristics of various types of airplanes manufactured in the United States and accepts his reports under conditions when their own pilots are not permitted to conduct the tests.

Mr. Taylor has done outstanding work in this field and for this reason I feel it my duty to call these qualifications to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

  
President

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