

T.A.T. Railroads -

Great Northern Railway Company.
Executive Department

St. Paul, Minn.

June 21st 1928

J. Cheever Cowdin, Esq.
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24 Broad Street,
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Dear Mr. Cowdin:

In accordance with your messages of June 14th and June 15th Col. Lindbergh came Tuesday afternoon and remained until this morning at Mr. Hill's home. Mr. and Mrs. Kalman spent considerable time visiting with him.

On the matter of conferences; I could not find that the other railways have shown any interest in aviation. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific have no large office force here, and my own judgment, as well as that of Mr. Hill, was that if we want to get anywhere with this proposition it would be best to go ahead and deal with it for the Great Northern rather than to try to do so jointly, as joint agreements are pretty hard to negotiate. We also think there is more likelihood that the other roads will come in if the Great Northern shows a willingness to do so, and we, of course, have no thought of interfering in any way with other lines doing exactly the same thing that we propose to do. I trust that all this will be sufficient reason for not calling the other lines into the conference.

Col. Lindbergh inquired about the other lines running between here and Chicago, but as all of those lines have headquarters in Chicago he decided that it would be necessary to have conference there.

We all appreciate very much the interest you have taken in this matter and hope that we will be able to assist in putting through any plan finally decided upon as being practicable.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Ralph Budd.

See T.A.T. Cowdin, J.C. - 6-25-28