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Memo

To:        Sioux Gateway Airport Sponsors
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From:      Hank Lehrer: University of Nebraska at Omaha Aviation Institute (UNOAI)

Subject:   NASA Aeronautics Day

Date:      August 22, 1997

I wanted to give you an update on the forthcoming NASA Aeronautics Day on:

   Monday, September 29, 1997 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Everything is progressing well at this point and the plan is to have approximately 150 5th and 6th grade students from the reservation schools (Winnebago, Walthill, Macy, and Santee) visit the airport on the 29th. I was at SUX a few weeks ago (and visited with several of you) and began to look over the logistics concerning the event. It looks like we’d move the students in groups of about 50 to one of three locations and then rotate during the day. The locations are:

1. Iowa Air Guard (the entire group would be in the auditorium and then split as you see fit)
2. The terminal/tower area (the 50 would be split into two groups, one to the terminal and the other to ATC and then they’d switch)
3. Jetsun (probably one group to the ramp, another to the hangar, and a third to avionics and then exchanged)

Each group would visit all three locations and have one hour at each location. The tentative location arrival times are 10:15am, 12:30pm, and 1:45pm with a 15 minute change/buffer between locations. The students would have both teacher and UNOAI graduate student supervision. Lunch will be served picnic-style at Jetsun (courtesy of Jetsun) from 11:30am to 12:15am.

I was in Washington, DC on the 8th and met with both NASA and FAA education officials and they were delighted with this project and committed their support in any manner we require. I think this event will be a wonderful way for these Native American students to be introduced to both aeronautics and the great people at Sioux Gateway Airport.

I plan to spend a full day at the airport and tentatively have selected Friday September 5th as a first choice for me. Dewanna has offered the Jetsun conference room for a meeting; I’m thinking about 10:00am for about an hour. Ms. Aimee Freeman, my NASA Research Fellow, will be contacting you to see if you are available for that date and time.