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Mr. Wayne A. Tonkins, Esq.
Society for the Historic Preservation of the Columbia Air Center, Inc.
11933 Autumnwood Lane
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Dear Mr. Tonkins,


I am writing this letter in support of your efforts to reactivate Columbia Air Center and establish a museum featuring it's rich history as the first licensed airport owned and operated by African Americans in the country.

I had the privilege of being one of the manager's there succeeding John W. Greene, Jr., a black aviation pioneer as the first to receive an Airframe & Powerplant License and the second to receive a commercial pilot's license. I bore witness to the first black Civil Air Patrol unit, the Columbia Squadron, and later retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. These are just a few of the many historical achievements that I hope will be preserved through the museum.

I also understand that this project could provide much needed funds for local school systems and other not-for-profit institutions.

I wish you the best of luck in this endeavor and if there is anything I personally can do you can count on my support.

Thank you for your efforts!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herbert H. Jones, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Herbert H. Jones, Jr.
Original Tuskegee Airman Class 44-J
Tuskegee Airmen East Coast Chapter