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Fr: Brig. Gen. K.B. Wolfe
Chief, Prod. Div., WP
To: Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc.
Santa Monica, Cal.
Attn: E.H. Heineman
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Gen. Wolfe requested that Douglas transmit a message to all personnel employed on the A-26, emphasizing the importance of this airplane to the war effort, and urging them to do everything possible to expedite production.

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Message to All Employees Working
on the A-26 Airplane.

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December 9, 1942

Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc.,
Santa Monica, Calif.
Attention: Mr. Heineman.

1. In order to impress upon all those employees who are at present working on the A-26 airplane, the vital and urgent need to accelerate production on this model, I would appreciate very much your transmitting the following message from me to them at their next weekly get-together. I am very sorry that I cannot be there in person and talk to them amn to ran.

"This office speaking for the Armed Services wishes to emphasize the importance of expediting wherever possible the A-26 airplane.

Although you may not realize it, you men are working on the airplane that will take from the enemy any semblance of air supremacy they might think they have.

Think what could be accomplished today if General MacArthur and General Eisenhower had a few squadrons each of these airplanes.

Let's get them to these men; let's hurry the day of reckoning regardless of schedules and red tape; anything you can possibly do to expedite early delivery to our fighting men will be well appreciated and repayed a thousand fold in lives of men and an early victory. We, in the Armed Forces are pinning our hopes in you men to produce this airplane quickly and in great quantities, and we will go to any end to help you.

This is not merely another pep talk, but an urgent appeal to you men direct from your fighting men."

Sincerely,

K. B. WOLFE,
Brig. General, U.S.A.
Chief, Production Division

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Read to Major Wilkins, Public Relations
over phone to give his okeh. EKG.