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From: The Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics.  
To: The Under Secretary of the Navy.

SUBJECT: Model Designation of Naval Aircraft.

1. This bureau concurs with the proposal of the Under Secretary of the Navy that names be given to the various types of naval airplanes. It is suggested that these names be used in press releases and other places where they will appeal to the public interest but that the present system of designations be continued for official purposes.

2. The following names are submitted for consideration:

Type	Manufacturer	Present Designation	Proposed Supplemental Designation
<u>Fighter</u>	Grumman	F2F	Lightning
	"	F3F	Planet
	"	F4F	Comet
	"	F5F	Sky Rocket
	"	F5F	Meteor
	Vought	F4U	Mercury
	Brewster	F2A	Twister
"	"	F3A	Tempest
<u>Torpedo Bomber</u>	Douglas	TBD	Scorpion
	Grumman	TBF	Dragon
	Vought	TBU	Tarantula
<u>Utility &amp; Utility Transport</u>	Grumman	JRF	Locust
	"	JRF	Cricket
	Sikorsky	JRS	Scarab
<u>Small Transport</u>	Beech	GB	Bee
	"	JRB	Beetle

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<u>Transport</u>	Lockheed	R50	Lodestar
	Douglas	R2D)	Goliath
	"	R3D)	
	"	R4D)	
<u>Scout</u>			
<u>Observation</u>	Curtiss	SOC-1,-2,-3	Pioneer
	N.A.F.	SON	Pathfinder
	Curtiss	S03C	Scout
<u>Observation</u>			
<u>Scout</u>	Vought	OS2U1,2	Observer
<u>Scout</u>	"		
<u>Bomber</u>	Vought	SBU-1,-2	Hartford
	"	SB2U-1,-2,	
		-3	Stratford
	Curtiss	SBC3-4	Niagara
	"	SB2C-1	Erie
	Northrup	BT-1	Arrowhead
	Douglas	SBD-1,-2,-3	Mohave
	Brewster	SB2A	Jersey
	N.A.F.	SBN	Delaware
<u>Bomber</u>	Douglas	BD-1	Imperial
<u>Patrol</u>			
<u>Bomber</u>	Consolidated	P2Y	Capistrano
	"	PBY	Clemente
	"	PB2Y	Coronado
	Martin	PBM	Maryland
	"	PB2M	Matapeake
	Boeing	PBB	Seattle
	N.A.F.	PBN	Schuylkill
<u>Trainer</u>	Ryan	NR	Padre
	Stearman	N8,N28-1,-2,	
		-3	Dixie
	N.A.F.	N3N-1,-3	Quaker
	Spartan	NP	Sooner
<u>Advance</u>			
<u>Trainer</u>	Curtiss	SNC	Yankee
	North American	NJ, SNJ	Bruin.

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