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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer my support of the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation and their "Warplanes to Siberia" project. Not many people know of the important Alaska-Siberia Air Route (ALSIB), which spurred the building of the Alcan Highway in 1942. This route allowed the United States to secretly deliver nearly 8,000 military aircraft to the Soviet Union during World War II and played a critical role in the outcome of the war. The incredible 6,000 mile journey from Great Falls, Montana through Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska, and then over the Bering Sea, across Siberia and into Central Russia warrants recognition for its historical purpose.

This documentary will also highlight the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) whose role went unrecognized until their record was made public in 1977. The WASP's contribution to the war effort deserves full recognition and this project will emphasize the significance of these brave women who flew American-made aircraft from the factories in the United States to the staging area in Great Falls.

The project will underscore the importance of the Russian/American allied effort during the war and the relationship as it stands today, as the world is faced with a wide range of social, economic, and political challenges.

"Warplanes to Siberia" and the ALSIB flight re-creation, using the same type of aircraft that flew the route 70 years ago, are intended to not only showcase the history, but also to be used as an educational tool in classrooms and museums throughout the United States, Canada, and Russia. I encourage companies and organizations to support the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation and production of this documentary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Binkley".

John Binkley
President
Alaska Cruise Association