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Dear "ER",

I remember vaguely, some famous maintenance officer (the name escapes me) one told me not to believe everything I read; so, I didn't believe your list of MOA members who got promoted to O-5. Although I had wished you were correct and the official list had inadvertantly left my name off (I must confess my heart leaped at the thought of the latter), I think a correction in the next issue might be appropriate - needn't piss anyone off thinking I made O-5 early.

New subject: I can empathize with Lykes Henderson (he was on both the official O-5 list and your list) for an interesting and frustrating tour. Although only 6 months into the three year assignment, I have found operating in NATO's first "Air Force" similar to Lykes' plight. One major difference is that the NATO E-3A force is not so dependent upon "personalities of the incumbent". Rather, the dependency is upon political and economic considerations rather than operational requirements. Operating within these constraints, vice in spite of them, is the challenge. NATO had never owned and operated a base before, no less a fleet of aircraft.

*More to come in future months.  
Best regards, etc.*

*Dave Miller*

*P.S. Annual dues enclosed.*