



# BELL HELICOPTER TEXTRON

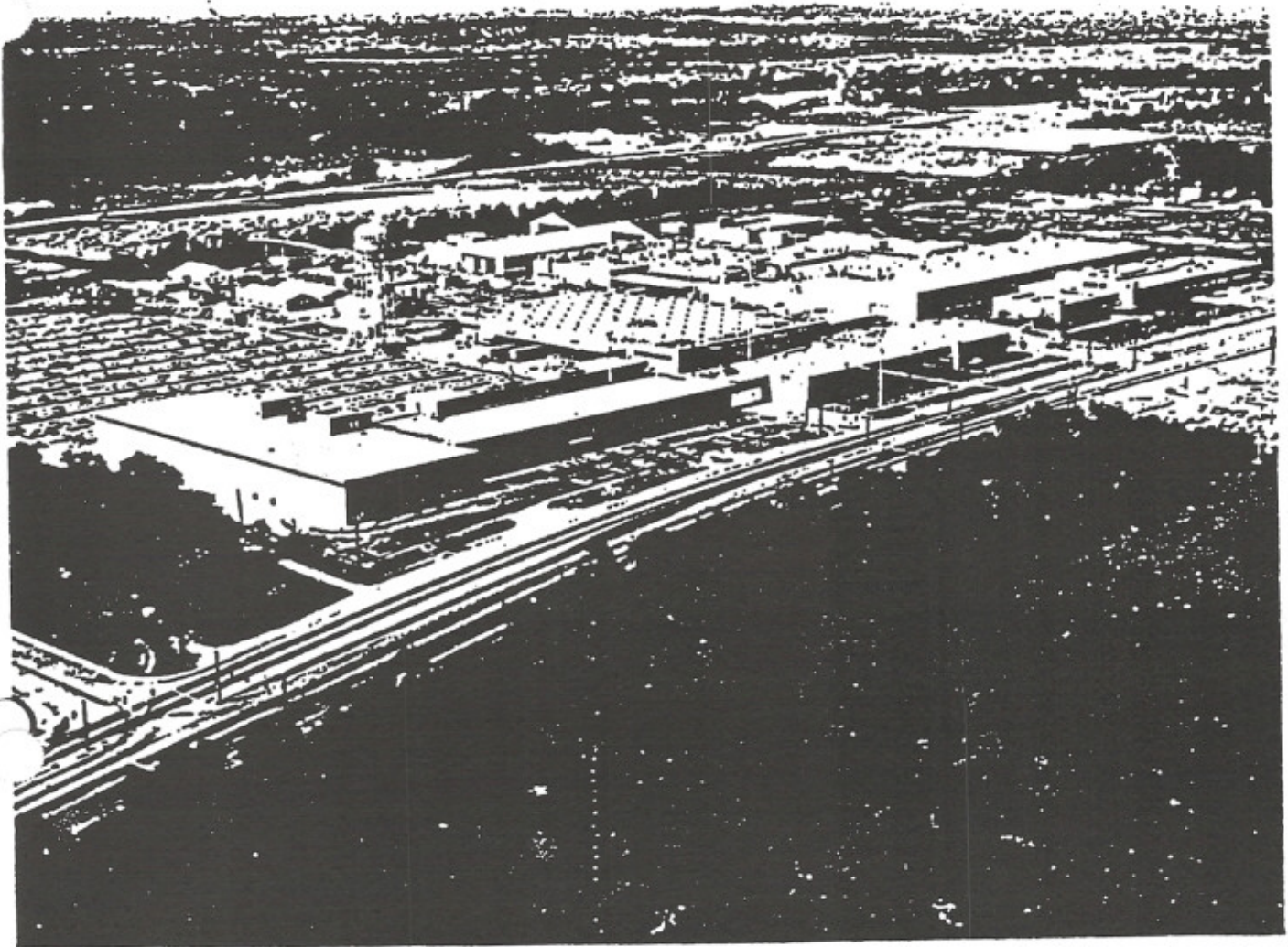
## HISTORY

Bell Helicopter Textron started from the Bell Aircraft Company's early developments in the helicopter field during World War II, which produced the world's first commercially licensed helicopter in March 1946. By 1950, our commercial and military helicopter business had grown to such proportions as to warrant the establishment of a separate Helicopter Division, which moved into its new facilities at Fort Worth, Texas in 1952.

This move was made for the purpose of establishing an integrated facility that could concentrate its full attention to the design, development and production of rotary wing aircraft. The facilities and management techniques that have been developed and continuously updated represent the most modern capabilities in the United States today for the development and production of VTOL systems. They provide Bell Helicopter Textron with a complete inhouse capability to produce VTOL systems including the full range of engineering talents, and the ability to produce all components required in the manufacture of the basic helicopter vehicle.

On July 2, 1960, the defense group of Bell Aircraft Corporation (Niagara Frontier Division, Bell Helicopter, and Hydraulic Research and Manufacturing Company) were sold outright to Textron Incorporated of Providence, R.I. Founded as a textile manufacturer in 1928, Textron Incorporated changed its name and its corporate identity in 1952 and almost immediately embarked upon a broad multi-product program which now has given it 28 divisions with more than 50,000 employees working in 126 plants in the United States and Canada. Today the products of Textron fall into these four basic categories: 18 percent metal products, 17 percent consumer, 48 percent aerospace and 17 percent industrial. This healthy diversification coupled with an experienced and stable operating organization has resulted in a steady growth in sales and earnings during the last ten years. Textron's varied and flexible structure has the financial strength to give full support to a major defense contractor and civilian production company such as Bell Helicopter Textron.





## HURST PLANT

The largest of the modern Bell furnished facilities is the air-conditioned Main Hurst Plant with a high bay final assembly area 100 feet wide by 500 feet long. Also, located at the Hurst Plant are the Research and Engineering Laboratory building, electronic data processing center, one experimental hangar, two flight hangars, the main Bell heliport, a rotor blade fabrication building, the main warehouse and numerous other support facilities.

## LOGISTICS CENTER/TRAINING AND DELIVERY CENTER

Located adjacent to the Hurst plant, the Logistics Center is the hub of all our custom services and support functions including Spares Administration, Spare Parts Engineering, Packaging and Shipping, Technical Publications, Service Representatives and the Training School and Delivery Center. The Logistics organization is geared to the support of the existing fleet of over ten thousand helicopters. The Training School and Delivery Center consists of three 10,000 square foot units: An instruction building with nine classrooms, a library, training staff office, pilot office, new aircraft delivery office, a customer lounge, and two hangars. One hangar is utilized by the school to teach complete maintenance and overhaul on all Bell model helicopters. This hangar is divided into Model 206, Model 205, Model 212 and Model 214 helicopters with ample space provided for airframes, work tables, hardware training aids and equipment lockers, where classes are conducted simultaneously in each area. The second hangar is used in delivering new aircraft and serves as a showroom floor for customers. The Bell Training School is an FAA certified flight school. Under this program the student may obtain a primary, advanced or additional rating in the Model 206, Model 205, Model 212 and Model 214 helicopters, and is one of the few helicopter flight schools offering IFR rotorcraft training.

