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Memorandum for: Mr. Clinton Hester
Administrator - CAA

The attached letter from Mrs. Daisy Kirkpatrick is for your information. It is with reference to the proposed memorial to Amelia Earhart at the Washington National Airport.

S. Smith

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(Please return letter for our files)

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Earhart, amelia

DOLLIBER'S COVE
MARBLEHEAD
MASSACHUSETTS

April 13
1940

Dear Colonel Smith:

I have forwarded both
your letters to Betty Hughes
Jellis, now national president
of the Ninety-Nines as I am
no longer in authority to
decide the matter. Mrs. Jellis
address is Burton Lane, Syosset,
Long Island, New York.

Sincerely,

Daisy Turisatnick

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
Civil Aeronautics Authority

DATE April 8.

TO Mr. Early

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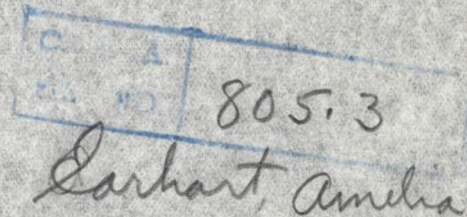
COMMENTS:

When further communication is sent Mrs. Kirkpatrick, believe there should be some reference made to her letter to the Administrator, which as I recall was identical to the one Col. Smith answered on April 5.

This letter was referred to your office on April 1.

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April 9, 1940



Mrs. Daisy Kirkpatrick
Past President, Ninety-Nines
Dolliver's Cove
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Kirkpatrick:

Reference is made to my letter to you dated April 5 in reply to yours of March 27, 1940.

I have taken the matter up with the Administrator and he informs me he will place the matter before the Authority but before doing so feels that the Ninety-Nines should make a definite suggestion as to the type of memorial they have in mind for Amelia Earhart. He also wishes to know who will bear the cost of the memorial.

The Administrator has asked me to acknowledge your letter to him regarding the same subject and to advise you that as soon as the above requested information has been received, he will be glad to refer the matter to the Authority for consideration and action.

Very truly yours,

Sumpter Smith
Chairman, Interdepartmental
Engineering Commission
Washington National Airport

CC: The Administrator, CAA

SS:KSP

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I think you ought
to write to her
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CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1940

MEMORANDUM

To: Clinton M. Hester
The Administrator

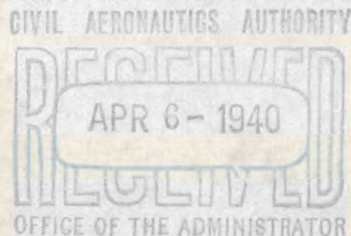
From: Sumpter Smith

There are transmitted herewith copy
of a letter from Mrs. Daisy Kirkpatrick, Past
President of the Ninety-Nines, together with a
copy of my reply, which are self-explanatory.

Will you please advise me as soon as
any action is taken by the Authority in connection
with her request.

Smith

Enclosures



April 5, 1940

Mrs. Daisy Kirkpatrick
Past President, Ninety-Nines
Dolliver's Cove
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Kirkpatrick:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 27, 1940, requesting that a memorial to Amelia Earhart be erected at the Washington National Airport.

For your information this is a matter for the Authority to decide. I shall be glad to see that the request is placed before them and to advise you as soon as any definite action is taken.

Very truly yours,

Sumpter Smith
Chairman, Interdepartmental
Engineering Commission
Washington National Airport

cc: Clinton M. Hester
Robert H. Hinckley
Harilee Branch
Oswald Ryan
C. Grant Mason, Jr.
Edward P. Warner

Dolliber's Cove
Marblehead, Mass.
March 27
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Civil Aeronautics Authority
Department of Commerce Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

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Past President Ninety-Nines

Copies sent to-
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Mr. Robert H. Hinckley
Mr. Clinton M. Hester
Mr. Richard S. Boutelle

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Civil Aeronautics Authority

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TO

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NINETY - NINES

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

Dolliber's Cove
Marblehead, Mass.
March 21
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Please prepare appropriate reply for Mr. Hester

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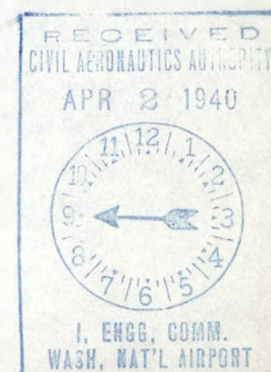
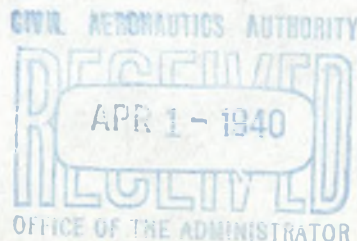
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Past President Ninety- Nines

Copies sent to-
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.
Mr. Robert H. Hinckley.
Mr. Richard S. Boutelle.
Colonel Sumpter Smith.



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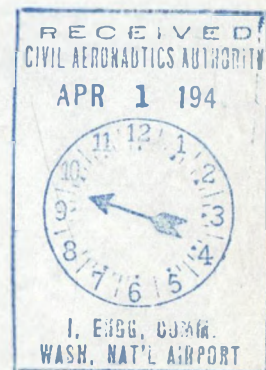
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Mr. Robert H. Hinckley
Mr. Clinton M. Hester
Mr. Richard S. Boutelle



April 6, 1940

Mr. W. E. Reynolds
Commissioner of Public Buildings
Public Buildings Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

As you know, the question as to which Company shall supply light and power to the Airport has been under discussion. I have asked our Legal Department for an opinion as to whether either Company has a definite territory set aside for its operation, or whether the Administrator is free to choose either Company by negotiation or by invitation of bids.

In this connection I will appreciate it very much if you will have your Electrical and Mechanical Department, in view of their extensive study in connection with the preparation of the plans for the buildings and facilities at Gravelly Point, prepare a memorandum for you giving their recommendation as to this service so that I may have your recommendations and suggestions for the benefit of the Authority.

Very truly yours,

Supter Smith
Chairman, Interdepartmental
Engineering Commission
Washington National Airport

CC: Mr. Hester

SS:KHP

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
Civil Aeronautics Authority

DATE 3/28

TO Col. Smith

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COMMENTS:

See Mr. Hester's note,

CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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DATE: March 25, 1940

REF. NO. Col. Smith's Memo to
you of March 4

TO: Mr. Hester ✓

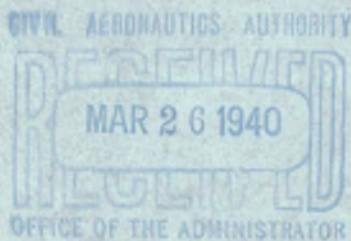
FROM: Edward Warner

SUBJECT: Power Supply for Gravelly Point

I am writing in view of the possibility that you may consider this in the category of matters to be discussed with the Authority; but, so far as I am concerned, I would assume that you would take the necessary measures to settle it.



Edward Warner



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December 1, 1933.

Dear Miss Kirkpatrick:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 23rd concerning the proposed establishment by the Ninety-Nines of a suitable memorial to the organization's founder, Amelia Earhart.

Of course, it is altogether too early to try and arrive at any conclusion on this subject at present. I merely wanted your letter before me so that when the opportune time does come I can present it to the Authority for whatever action it may desire to take.

I do believe that you have initiated a constructive idea which is certainly worth real consideration later on when the design and construction of the buildings is in a more advanced stage.

With sincere regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Noble,
Chairman.

Miss Daisy Kirkpatrick,
President, Ninety-Nines,
Dolliver's Cove,
Marblehead, Massachusetts.

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CC: Mr. Allen

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Dolliber's Cove
Marblehead, Mass.

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NINETY - NINES

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

November 23, 1938

Mr. Edward J. Noble, Chairman
Civil Aeronautics Authority
Department of Commerce Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Noble:

The Ninety- Nines are anxious to establish a suitable memorial to Amelia Earhart who was the founder of our organization. It occurred to me that since she was a national figure that the proper place for such a memorial should be our new National Airport. I talked to Colonel Sumpter Smith on the subject when I was in Washinton November 21st, and he sent me to you.

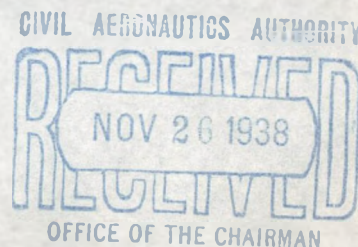
Do you think that you would be interested in a beacon to be called the Amelia Earhart beacon, or would some other type of memorial be preferable?

Sincerely,

Daisy Kirkpatrick

Daisy Kirkpatrick

President Ninety- Nines



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AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION

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Women's Hall of Residence. A Board of Trustees, incorporated separately from the Trustees of Thiel College, is being selected and they will appoint an advisory committee to aid them in selecting candidates for scholarships.

The fund raising Headquarters in Washington are Suite 105, 744 Jackson Place, N.W., and the Washington depository is the Riggs National Bank, 1503 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Please make checks payable to The Amelia Earhart Foundation, Inc.

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE

as of May 10, 1938

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, *Honorary Chairman*

MRS. JAMES I. DAVIS, *Chairman*

MRS. EUGENE MEYER

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LIVING MEMORIAL
— TO —
AMELIA EARHART



Amelia Earhart—her shining courage, her broad human sympathies, her enthusiasms, her deep faith in women—should live on, actively, and remain forever inspiring, especially to the young.

The Amelia Earhart Foundation, therefore, seeks to keep alive and fruitful the memory, not only of Amelia Earhart, but of all the women who have

gural luncheon of The Foundation at the White House, said, "Ever since Amelia Earhart was lost I have had a feeling that everybody would want that personality and spirit and courage carried on in some way, so that people, young people especially, would not forget . . . she had the power to fire their imaginations and make them dream dreams and see visions. I did not really feel that I knew where she had roots, so that a memorial could be started. The idea that she had an interest here in a college and that out of that could grow a living memorial was welcome. I hope that the whole plan will appeal to you as it has to me.

"It will be something that will help young women to do things, something she was interested in, so that something of value to us which Amelia Earhart represented shall be carried on to the younger generation and not die."

deeply interested as ever in promoting advantages for women, planned to aid in erecting a Hall of Residence for women there, and the Trustees feel a moral obligation to fulfill her wish. But as a complete memorial this alone is inadequate. To honor the whole Amelia Earhart, it is planned that The Foundation shall, as well, grant post graduate scholarships in Science and Sociology, her best-beloved subjects.

Open to women graduates of accredited colleges the country over, the Science scholarships will be available at any accredited institution the recipients may choose, and the scholarships in Sociology will be tenable at leading settlements, where recipients will learn as Amelia Earhart learned, serve as Amelia Earhart served.

The immediate goal of The Foundation is \$500,000 —\$300,000 to endow scholarships, \$200,000 for the

THE AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION

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A national educational Foundation to honor the courage and character
that inspired her accomplishments in Science and Social Welfare.

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June 4, 1938

Mr. John S. Collins
Chief, Administration Division
Department of Commerce
Bureau of Air Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collins:

May I acknowledge your letter of June 2 enclosing
a check in the sum of \$25 from the Honorable
Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce, as a
contribution to The Amelia Earhart Foundation,
Inc.

When I am in Washington next Monday or Tuesday
I shall hope to see you to discuss any matters
in connection with the furthering and the con-
tinuance of the Foundation's appeal within your
Department.

Very truly yours,

Ernest B. Chamberlain
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NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS
Room 949
60 East 42nd Street
New York
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June 2, 1933

Mr. Ernest B. Chamberlain,
The Amelia Earhart Foundation,
Suite 105 - 744 Jackson Pl., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

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Very truly yours,

John S. Collins,
Chief, Administrative Division

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Collins
May 31, 1938

MEMORANDUM

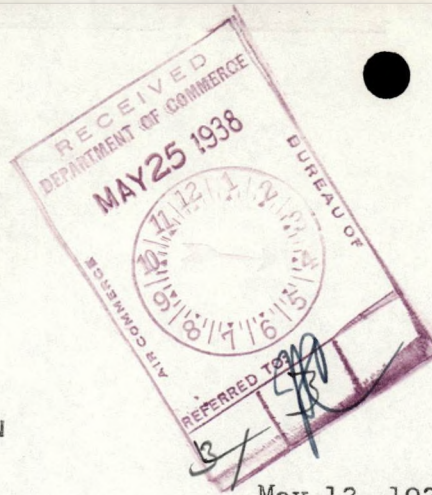
FOR: Mr. Mulligan, Director, Bureau of Air Commerce
FROM: Margie G. Renn, Secretary to the Secretary

I am attaching hereto a check of Secretary Roper for \$25.00, which he wishes to contribute to the Amelia Earhart Foundation, Inc. Will you please see that this is properly routed?

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M. G. R.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



May 13, 1938

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For information
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Room 5046, Telephone 375.

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Amelia Earhart

Secretary Roper issued the following statement today concerning "Amelia Earhart Week," May 22-28, 1938:

"I am glad to encourage the sponsors of "Amelia Earhart Week," the constructive objective of which is to familiarize the American people with the purpose of the proposed Amelia Earhart Foundation.

"The movement not only commemorates the wonderful research endeavors and achievements of this intrepid woman in the field of aviation but, through the scholarship provision, should make possible the encouragement of the educational attainments of others.

"As one of the aeronautical advisers of the Bureau of Air Commerce of the Department of Commerce and on her own private initiative, Miss Earhart displayed a remarkably broad conception of the problems of aviation, as well as skill and cooperation in solving them through practical and research endeavors.

"I commend to the generosity of the American people, the efforts of all those who are promoting this Foundation."

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