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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1935

My dear Miss Earhart:

I am pleased to send you this message of congratulations. You have scored again.

By successfully spanning the ocean stretches between Hawaii and California, following your triumphant trans-Atlantic flight of 1928, you have shown even the "doubting Thomases" that aviation is a science which cannot be limited to men only.

Because of swift advances in this science of flight, made possible by Government and private enterprise, scheduled ocean transportation by air is a distinct and definite future prospect.

The trail-blazers who opened to civilization the vast stretches of this Continent of ours, who moved our boundary from the Atlantic to the Pacific, were inspired and helped by women of courage and skill. From the days of these pioneers to the present era, women have marched step in step with men. And now, when air trails between our shores and those of our neighbors are being charted, you, as a woman, have preserved and carried forward this precious tradition.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Miss Amelia Earhart,
Oakland, California.

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Letter from the President to Amelia Earhart — Which was wire-photoed to Miss Earhart when the original failed to reach her in time for the testimonial dinner in her honor. (Due to bad flying conditions)

President's Praises 'Wirephotoed'

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Associated Press Photo

This is the President's letter to Amelia Earhart which was sent to the West Coast yesterday by Wirephoto. Mail planes which were to have delivered the letter were stormbound.

President Employs Wirephoto To Congratulate Miss Earhart

Picture of Letter Wings Across the Continent to Oakland Dinner in 8 Minutes; Prior Message Grounded in Plane.

President Roosevelt yesterday conveyed his congratulations to Amelia Earhart by Wirephoto.

By means of this latest development in the newspaper field, an exact copy of a letter signed by Mr. Roosevelt at the White House yesterday afternoon was read to the noted aviatrix at a dinner in her honor at Oakland, Calif., last night.

A peculiar set of circumstances prompted the Chief Executive to make use of the Associated Press system for almost instant transmission of pictures.

Telegrams from Oakland officials requested him to take part in a national radio hookup honoring Miss Earhart. This Mr. Roosevelt felt he could not do. Instead he wrote a letter which he asked Postmaster Gen. Farley to get off in Thursday's air mail.

Leaving Washington that afternoon, the letter would have been delivered in Oakland late Saturday just in time for the dinner. But bad weather grounded the air mail plane at Chicago, the President yesterday was advised. Grounded, too, was his letter.

With one of those quick decisions for which the White House is famous, Secretary Stephen T. Early summoned in newsphoto men. He invited them to make pictures of a second letter to Miss Earhart (identical to the first), and let them deliver the President's message.

A picture of the letter was sent using through the Wirephoto system at 5:22 o'clock. Eight minutes later it was in San Francisco. From there it was an easy matter to deliver it in Oakland, where Mayor

William J. McCracken read it at the dinner.

In his message, the President paid high tribute to Miss Earhart for convincing "even the 'doubting Thomases' that aviation is a science which can not be limited to men only." He added, "Scheduled ocean transportation by air is a distinct and definite future prospect."

Miss Earhart Flies To Her Banquet

Oakland, Calif., Jan. 18 (AP)—Amelia Earhart, conqueror by air of both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, landed here late today from Los Angeles to join State, Federal and city officials and former President Hoover, at a banquet in her honor.

She was escorted to a landing by 11 Navy planes.

This time Miss Earhart was a passenger in her own plane. It was flown by Paul Mantz, the mechanic who prepared it for the solo flight of 2,400 miles across the Pacific. Miss Earhart's husband, George Palmer Putnam, New York publisher, and Mrs. Mantz also were passengers.

President Roosevelt sent a message of praise to be read at the banquet. Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretaries Dern and Swanson, Representative Virginia Jencks, I.

Indiana, representing the women in Congress, Senators Johnson and McAdoo, of California, and Representatives Kahn and Welch, of California, also sent messages of congratulation.

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ocean conquest for famous aviatrix. Miss Amelia Earhart leans out of the cockpit of her plane to receive a bouquet of roses and greet the throng about her plane after landing at Oakland Airport to complete the first solo flight from Hawaii to California. At right, the red flyer, tired but smiling, just after climbing out of her plane after the 2,400-mile flight. (Wide World Photos.)



Amelia Earhart's Flight
from
Hawaii to California