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My dear Mr. Mantz:

I have made inquiries about the search which was made for Amelia Earhart and both the President and I are satisfied from the information which we have received that everything possible was done. We are sure that a very thorough search was made.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. A. Paul Mantz
United Air Services, Ltd.
Burbank, California

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Morgenthau says that he can't give out any more information than was given to the papers at the time of the search of Amelia Earhart

It seems they have confidential information which would completely ruin the reputation of Amelia and which he will tell you personally some time when you wish to hear it.

He suggests writing this man and telling him that the President is satisfied from his information, and you are too, that everything possible was done.

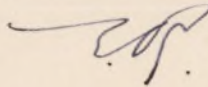
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1938

Dear Henry:

William
A little while ago Floyd ~~Edison~~
and his wife, Jacqueline Cochran, were at
the White House when she received the Harmon
Trophy for aviation. She told me they all
felt that not enough search had been made
amongst certain islands where Amelia Earhart
might be. I told her to send me a memo on
the Islands and the reasons why they felt
this, and I would transmit it to you and to
the Navy Department at once. Now comes this
letter which is evidently inspired by Miss
Cochran. I do not know whether you can send
the man these records, but, in any case, I am
sending you the letter and let me know whatever
your decision may be.

Affectionately,



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UNITED AIR SERVICES, Ltd.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

*Added
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April 26th 1938.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The writer acted as technical advisor to Miss Earhart and made the flight with her to Honolulu which was climaxed by her accident on the take-off.

I received a letter from Miss Jacqueline Cochran the other day requesting that I answer a great many questions regarding my opinion and actual messages that were received and tied together with the times in relation to the take-off.

I have often wanted to make up a complete report in detail on this situation in order to determine whether or not a search would be practical, even at this late date. In order to do so would like to have a copy of the official report of the "Itasca" which is on file at the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington. I saw this report in San Francisco at the time Miss Earhart was first reported missing but made no notes and if you could arrange to have a copy sent to me I would in turn furnish you a detailed report and theories for your own personal use - but not for publication.

I have attempted to draw up this information ever since last August but just this morning I was advised by Mr. F. K. Johnson of the U.S. Coast Guard, San Francisco, that the official report was on file in Washington and could not be released except through certain channels.

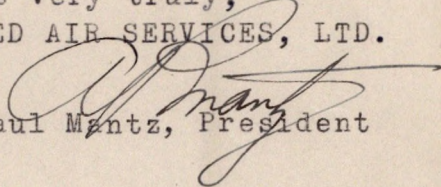
Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt

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I feel that all of us who were so close to Miss Earhart should at least make a certain amount of effort along the lines I know she would follow if the situation were reversed.

Would deeply appreciate it if you could have the above information forwarded and in turn you will receive a report which I am sure will answer any question of doubt that may be in your mind.

Yours very truly,
UNITED AIR SERVICES, LTD.


A. Paul Mantz, President

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Paul Mante, Burbank, Calif.

wants Coast Guard data, which was originally turned over to him and he did not copy.

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21 July, 1938.

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Mr. A. Paul Mantz,
Burbank,
California.

Sir:

Your letter of June 21, 1938, addressed to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, The White House, Washington, D. C., has been referred to this office for consideration.

In reply thereto, I am pleased to forward herewith, copies of the transcripts of the log of the Coast Guard Cutter ITASCA, which pertain to the Amelia Earhart flight, together with copies of messages received and sent incident to this flight.

Very truly yours,

R. R. WAESCHE,
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard,
Commandant.

Inclosures:

Copy to: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

May 24, 1938

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My dear Miss Cochran:

Thank you so much for your letter. I have made inquiry about the search which was made for Amelia Earhart and both the President and I feel that everything possible has been done.

I was told that the Log of the Itasca was made public in San Francisco.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Jacqueline Cochran
435 East 52nd Street
NYC

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435 East Fifty-second Street
New York

May 23, 1938

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I want you to know that I have not forgotten our discussion about Amelia Earhart and I have done a considerable amount of work. But it seems so difficult to get any accurate data now and guess work or assumptions would be worse than useless.

Within the coming three weeks I will be in Los Angeles where some data needed can be obtained and some more I believe is now lodged in the files of the Department of Commerce where I will try and obtain it.

Later I will communicate with you again.

It was so kind of you to have us at the White House for presentation of the Harman Trophy and for luncheon. The occasion will remain one of the outstanding experiences of my life.

Sincerely,

Rafuline Cochran

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*Thank you for
the gift
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Warm Springs, Georgia
March 30, 1938.

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My dear Mrs. Earnhart:

Your letter of March 16th, has just reached me, having been forwarded from the hotel in Los Angeles.

I am more than sorry it did not reach me in time, for I would have made every effort to go to see you. I quite understand your feeling of wanting to have the Islands searched and I had no idea that any group of private individuals were planning to do so. I felt that the government had made as thorough a search as was possible.

I hope that whatever will make you feel happier can be done. I have great affection for Amelia, she is a grand person and should never be forgotten.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Amy Earnhart
10042 Valley Spring Lane
North Hollywood, Calif.

is with the Amelia Earhart
Foundation, whose headquarters
are in Oakland for they are
the only one that plan to thorough
search of the islands, something
I feel is most essential and
like nearest my heart for I
have not given up the hope of
her return, nor can I until
I know it is necessary to do so.
Mother and I like that you know
I shall be glad to send you a
small card for you, named
by Amelia's secretary, a most
loving character who had
consistently refused to grow
skinner for the age of six.

If you find it is possible

10042 Valley Spring Lane
North Hollywood
March 16, 1938

My dear Mrs Roosevelt

If you have the time and
would like to do so, I should be
very glad to welcome you to Amelia's
home in the San Francisco Valley
as she herself would be delighted
to do.

In this way it might be possible
for us to have a quiet little visit
together, and I could express
to you personally my appreciation
of the many lovely and understanding
things you are doing and
doing for my beloved daughter.
I have my interest so far

for you to come, a call over the
phone will bring her to any place
convenient for you. The telephone
number is Gladstone 0165

Sincerely,
Amy Chas Earhart.

June 19, 1936.

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My dear Mr. Putnam:

In the absence of Mrs. Roosevelt and her secretary, we have made confidential inquiry and have been advised that if you will take up the matter with Mr. Richard Southgate, Chief of the Division of Protocol and Conferences, State Department, he will be glad to look after it for you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. George P. Putnam
2 West 45th Street
New York
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keeping record of things very nice

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

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2 West 45th Street,
New York City.
June 18, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Amelia has just left for the Pacific coast to superintend final work on her "flying laboratory", now nearing completion.

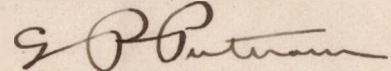
On her behalf I am venturing this letter to avail ourselves of the help which you kindly offered when we last saw you.

Our wish is to be put in touch with the proper person in the State Department whose aid can be enlisted in connection with A.E.'s proposed world flight. We want appropriate guidance in securing the required permissions, etc.

It would be helpful to get the preliminaries under way now while I am temporarily in the east. If the hoped-for contact is in order, we'll be tremendously grateful for your help. I will, of course, report to the designated office in Washington at its convenience.

Incidentally, do please emphasize that the project is for the present confidential. As you know, A.E. likes to avoid advance discussion of flights -- their realization depends upon so many factors.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

August 17, 1936

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My dear Mr. Putnam:

I took your letter to the State
Department this morning and found
Mr. Southgate away on a vacation. His as-
sistant will communicate with you at once,
and I hope everything will progress proper-
ly.

If I can be of any further help,
please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. George P. Putnam
2 West 45th Street
New York
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New York City.
August 19, 1936.

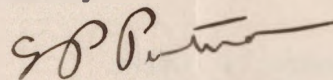
Dear Mr. Magee:

Thank you for your note
of the 17th.

I have heard today from
Mr. Holmes and also from Mr. Southgate. I
am arranging with Mr. Southgate to see him
following his return.

I deeply appreciate your
courteous assistance in this matter.

Sincerely



Ralph W. Magee, Esq.,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

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November 9, 1936

My dear Mr. Putnam:

Mrs. Roosevelt asked me to tell you that she will be away on a lecture trip until the twenty-third of this month. She regrets very much that ~~it~~ is therefore not possible for her to see you. at present.

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina T. Scheider
Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

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Mr. George Palmer Putnam
2 West 45th Street
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Murray Hill 2-5170

2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

November 6, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

If you are to be in New
York next week, I would appreciate very much
the opportunity to talk to you for a few
moments about a matter which I think would
interest you greatly.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

G P Putnam

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

January 19, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Missy Before me is a pleasant note from
"Missy", saying recently she talked to you about
Amelia's flight. Her letter contains this para-
graph:

" She said she loved Amelia and she
would be happy to do anything in the world
she could for her. She added that she
would be delighted to personally take up
any problem with Naval Operations, or any
other Government group, and suggested that
I have you or Amelia write her and tell
her exactly how she could help."

Thank you so very much. I am
venturing this note just to let you know that
everything is in splendid shape. The Navy has
been most cordial and helpful in its cooperation.
Indeed, so have all the Departments. Incidentally,
the President was kind enough to make possible the
construction of an emergency landing field on a tiny
pin-point of an island called Howland, just north of
the Equator, half way between Honduras and Australia.
If all goes well, Amelia will be the first to use it.
The expedition to build the airport there is now en
route. That one feature of the flight is quite an
adventure in itself.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

G. P. Putnam

A. E. is in California.

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August 5th 1901

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

May I try to record my heartfelt appreciation for what you have said about Amelia and what you have done to try to help her - and me? And, please, would you convey to the President my gratitude for his attitude and for all that he has done. Words cannot tell you both what your friendliness has meant in a dark time.

For you Amelia had a real devotion. Often I've heard him call you "the most intelligently civilized woman I know" - uttered with a full measure of affection.

Sincerely

George P. Putnam

April 24, 1939

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Dear Mr. Putnam:

I shall be much interested in seeing your book. I should think your feeling would be too strong for words on the subject of a threat.

I have wanted for some time to write and tell you how much I enjoyed the articles about Amelia in Liberty. I hope they are to be in book form, as I missed one or two of them.

I think you have done this very beautifully, and I am a harsh critic, for I would consider only the best adequate for her.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. George Palmer Putnam
Hollywood, Calif.

Publisher of Hitler ^{L.A. News} Book Warned ^{Apr 20}

A letter threatening George Palmer Putnam, widower of Amelia Earhart Putnam, aviatrix, and warning him to stop publication of his book "The Man Who Killed Hitler," yesterday was turned over to John Klein, chief of the district attorney's bureau of investigation.

Putnam, accompanied by counsel, said he received the letter yesterday by special delivery and said it was written in German script. He had it translated by A. F. Z. Landi, 9125 Sunset boulevard, a personal friend.

The letter translated said:

"In a very short time German will be the world's language. I therefore do not give myself the trouble of writing to you in English. You are hereby warned to stop the publication of your book, 'The Man Who Killed Hitler.' If you have any regard for your own future safety, stop publication of this book at once.

"The arm of greater Germany reaches far and we have no desire to continue warning you. If you are wise, you will do what we tell you, because something can happen to you and your future may be extinguished. Because the great work of the fuehrer cannot be stopped by enemies. Heil Hitler. (Signed) Greater Germany."

Klein ordered an investigation.

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM, INC.
PUBLISHER
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

April 20, 1939

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

From New York I am having mailed to you a copy of the little book, "The Man Who Killed Hitler," which is the first of my California-produced publications. Because of its genuine interest as an unusual piece of writing, I feel sure you will enjoy reading it. It is, of course, fiction, and pretends to be nothing else.

And I think, too, that you will comprehend my feelings this morning, resulting from the attempts to scare me out of the publishing of this book. The attached clipping is characteristic of those anent this effort at intimidation. I am glad that we still retain rights of free speech--and free publishing!

Sincerely yours,

G. P. Putnam

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GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

April 30, 1939

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thanks so much for your thoughtful note of the 24th. I am delighted that you enjoyed the articles about AE in Liberty. The book will be published by Harcourt-Brace in late August. I think you will find it considerably more interesting than the articles, as the Liberty material was compressed into some 40,000 words--less than half the length of the book.

Sincerely,

GPP

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

PS: I'd be delighted to know what you think about "The Man Who Killed Hitler" when you read it. As an afterthought, I am enclosing a reproduction of a clipping which tells its own story. Our Nazi friends seem to be getting really annoyed at me.

GPP

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LOOKS OVER SINISTER WARNING



George Palmer Putnam inspects bullet-pierced copy of Hitler book and threat note received yesterday. Times photo

Putnam Gets Further Death Threats Over Book on Hitler

Further threats in the form of a bullet-riddled copy of his book, "The Man Who Killed Hitler," and a crudely pasted note were received yesterday by George Palmer Putnam, Hollywood publisher and husband of the late Amelia Earhart.

This is the third of a series of messages received since the publication of the book last week, according to Putnam, who reported the matter and turned the book and note over to Chief Investigator John A. Klein of the District Attorney's office.

Eight bullet holes mangled the small book, leaving small holes in the front cover, but tearing the back one as they came out.

TEXT OF LETTER

The letter was made of words apparently cut from newspapers and magazines and pasted on a sheet of white paper. It read as follows:

Mr. Putnam
You're a criminal. You failed to read future
Bullet wound would be fatal to YOU!

if you don't abandon the book
THE MAN WHO
KILLED HITLER

Take no chances of a bloody killing if you want to live
Your opportunity awaits you

Take it or leave it
Germany defies the World!
Los Angeles Nazis hell!

The letter was postmarked Los Angeles, April 22, at 9 a.m.

and was sent, together with the bullet-pierced copy of the book, special delivery, to the publisher, arriving at his North Hollywood home shortly before noon.

HE'S JUST CURIOUS

"I am not frightened," he said yesterday afternoon. "But I am curious. Very few people carry out threats of this type. However, I am not going to be at home for a few days. It seems wiser."

An anonymous telephone call a week ago, he said, started the series of threats. Last Wednesday a letter threatening his life, written in German, was received by Putnam and turned over to the District Attorney's office.

All threats, as well as the book, are anonymous. Putnam's is the only name connected with "The Man Who Killed Hitler."

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soon, including a woman described as "a professional widow."

Mrs. Favato interrupted yesterday to plead a charge of poisoning, Philip Ingram assumed blame for her comm-

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August 22, 1939

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Dear Mr. Putnam:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of
"Soaring Wings". I read the articles as they came out
and enjoyed them very much, but I am very glad to
have the book.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Geo. Palmer Putnam
10042 Valley Spring Lane
North Hollywood, Calif.

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

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August 11, 1939

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am asking my publishers, Harcourt Brace, to send you, together with this note, a copy of my book SOARING WINGS, the biography of A.E.

I want you very much to have it and hope you will find that it captured some of the spirit of the person who loved you so well. Incidentally, it contains some pleasant passages about yourself.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

GP Putnam

*Many thanks I read the
book at my own
expense but I am very glad
to have the book*

June 29, 1936

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My dear Mr. Southgate:

Mrs. Roosevelt, upon her return to Washington the other day, found Mr. George Palmer Putnam's letter to her and learned that you had kindly consented to take care of the things he wished done in the State Department.

Mrs. Roosevelt asked me to send you this special note to say that she had promised Mr. Putnam to keep this matter confidential. She is sure you understand and that you will be very nice to him.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

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Mr. Richard Southgate
Chief of Division of Protocol
Department of State
Washington
D.C.

July 6, 1936

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My dear Mr. Southgate:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to thank you for your letter about Mr. Putnam. She is sure he will be well taken care of and will appreciate whatever you can do to be of assistance to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina T. Scheider
Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mr. Richard Southgate
Chief of Protocol
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
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July 2, 1936

My dear Mrs. Scheider:

With reference to your letter of June 29, 1936,
please assure Mrs. Roosevelt that I shall do everything
possible to be of assistance to Mr. George Palmer Putnam.
There has been forwarded to me from the White House a
copy of a letter from Mr. Putnam saying that he will
get in touch with me upon his return from a visit which
he is now making to the Pacific coast.

Sincerely yours,

R. Southgate

Richard Southgate,
Chief of Protocol.

Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider,
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt,
The White House.

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June 30, 1936

My dear Mr. Southgate:

For your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter just received from Mr. Putnam.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Richard Southgate
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

2 West 45th Street,
New York City.
June 29, 1936.

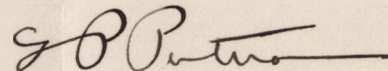
My dear Mr. Magee:

This is in grateful acknowledgment of your note of June 19th advising me that confidential inquiries have been made and that I should contact Mr. Richard Southgate, Chief of the Division of Protocol, State Department in further reference to the preparations for A.E.'s flight.

I am venturing this letter just to report that unfortunately I am very unexpectedly called to the Pacific coast and so must let the matter rest until my return. At that time I will get in touch with Mr. Southgate.

Please accept my thanks for your kindly cooperation.

Sincerely,



Ralph W. Magee, Esq.,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

AMELIA EARHART

50 West 45th Street,
New York City.

November 20, 1933.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

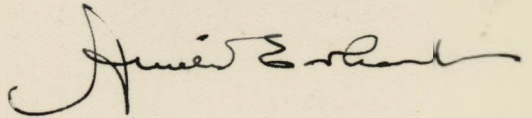
I just have received a clipping from Thursday's Star, with the story about your interest in flying. The article contains this line: "Amelia Earhart, and some of the First Lady's flying friends, have been circulating reports recently that Mrs. Roosevelt plans to learn to fly".

The wording troubles me a little. I hope you know that I do not "circulate reports". No one but Mr. Putnam and Dr. Smith knows through me of our conversations anent the possibility of your learning to fly. Your examination certificate lies buried in my personal files.

If the time does come when you wish to take instruction, I shall be glad to help you in any way I can. In the meantime Gene Vidal seems to be urging the industry to new efforts by proposing quantity production of a little plane. Perhaps one will be ready for your first solo!

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Amelia Earhart", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.