

Putnam, Amelia Earhart
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Washington

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GROSVENOR, Gilbert
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

June 2, 1932

On behalf of the members of the National Geographic Society, invites the President to present to Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam a Special Gold Medal which the Board of Trustees of the National Geographic Society have voted her, in recognition of her flights across the Atlantic and her many years of service in promoting aviation, on Tuesday, June 21, 1932, at 8:30 o'clock, Constitution Hall. June 6, Mr. Grosvenor submits to the President draft of memorandum re presentation of Geographic Medal to Mrs. Putnam, which he asks permission to give to the press.

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June 17, 1932

Mrs. Hoover phoned:

She has received an invitation from Grover Whalen to be present at the reception for Amelia Earhart (Putnam) in New York on Monday, June 20, at 12:30. They ask if she cannot attend, that she send a representative and a message to Miss Earhart. She wonders what answer to make, and thinks if she sends a message at all it should be to Miss Earhart direct on her boat.

(Miss Earhart is dining at the White House on Tuesday)

Mrs. Hoover also asks if it is necessary for her to accept formally the invitation to the Gold Medal presentation in Washington.

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July 16th, 1932.

The Honorable Patrick J. Hurley,
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

A Joint Resolution of Congress, approved July 2nd, 1932 authorizes the President to present the Distinguished Flying Cross to Amelia Earhart Putnam. She expects to be at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California between July 25th and August 10th. The President will be obliged if you will have the presentation made in his behalf by the military authorities on the West Coast, the time and place being arranged as nearly as possible in accord with her wishes, and a suitable officer being designated to represent the President at the ceremony.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the President.

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to see war office
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July 22, 1932.

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Miss Amelia Earhart,⁹
The Ambassador Hotel,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Miss Earhart:

The Vice President has been requested to represent me in presenting to you the Distinguished Flying Cross authorized by the Congress in a Joint Resolution which was approved on July 2nd, 1932.

At the presentation ceremony, I am asking him to hand you this message of congratulations upon the many and well-deserved honors which your knowledge of the science and art of aviation, and your great skill and courageous spirit as a pilot and navigator have brought to you, and through you, to the womanhood of America.

Faithfully yours,

MEMO:

See 357 Official Files for correspondence of Col. Hodges with or about Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, in connection with the presentation to her of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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