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MOTHER TELLS FATE OF AMELIA EARHART

LOS ANGELES, July 24 (UP)—The mother of the famous flier Amelia Earhart, missing since a round-the-world flight in 1937, said last night her daughter "died in Japan" on a United States Government mission, and not in the Pacific Ocean.

"Amelia told me many things," Mrs. Amy Otis Earhart said. "But there were some things she couldn't tell me. I am convinced she was on some sort of a Government mission, probably on verbal orders."

Miss Earhart has been missing since July 3, 1937, when she was on a flight from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland Island. Mrs. Earhart said she had "kept quiet" about her theory but thought it "could hurt no one now."

"I am sure there was a Government mission involved in the flight because Amelia explained there were some things she could not tell me," Mrs. Earhart said. "I am equally sure she did not make a forced landing in the sea."

"She landed on a tiny atoll—one of many in that general area of the Pacific—and was picked up by a Japanese fishing boat that took her to the Marshall Islands, then under Japanese control," Mrs. Earhart said she believed.

Mrs. Earhart said she also believed her daughter was permitted to broadcast to Washington from the Marshalls and then was taken to Japan.

"There she met with an accident—an 'arranged' accident that ended her life," she said.