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February 9, 1938

Miss Nellie G. Donohoe,
Amelia Earhart Foundation,
922 Latham Square Building,
Oakland, California.

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Dear Miss Donohoe:

I wish you to know that I have received and noted with appreciative interest your prospectus of plans to create an Amelia Earhart Foundation. She was a remarkable woman and the development of aviation has sustained a great loss in her passing. She was a woman of remarkable vision, definite cooperative spirit and courage. She was most constructive in her conferences and cooperation with us in our efforts to develop air commerce.

Referring now to your invitation to me to become a member of the Honorary Board of Trustees under the incorporation which you are creating for the Foundation, I would advise that early in my incumbency of this office I received so many requests to be identified with undertakings outside of the Government that I had to adopt the rule of not accepting any in order to be just to all.

I am sure that you appreciate this situation and will accept my very best wishes for the success of your worthy objective in honoring the memory of Amelia Earhart.

Very sincerely,

DANIEL C. ROPER

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Secretary of Commerce

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The scientist. "Always laboratory-minded," she studied science enthusiastically at Columbia and Harvard.

The untiring champion of women's progress, particularly in education.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking at the inaugural 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."

Fittingly, The Amelia Earhart Foundation is designed to benefit women. As fittingly, it has been created by the Trustees of Thiel College, Pennsylvania, the college from which she received the degree of Doctor of Science, and with which the Earhart family had been connected for more than seventy years.

Shortly before her last flight, Amelia Earhart, 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

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.



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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 the valiant pioneer of the air, but of Amelia Earhart—

The devoted social worker. "Life can be a beautiful thing," she said, "but what shuts out happiness for some does so for me and mine."

The self forgetful teacher. She became an extension lecturer to Massachusetts mill hands.

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IN MEMORIAM—AMELIA EARHART

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Also, if I may do so without violating the rules of this body, I express the hope of general participation by the American people in establishing so worthy and lasting a

memorial to one of our great characters, through national scholarships in science and sociology, in order that other young women, through succeeding generations, may be trained along such lines as will equip them to render distinguished service such as Amella Earhart rendered to our Nation.

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I cannot state better the tribute we owe to this woman than in the words of Mr. Roosevelt: "I hope we will be able to interest a great many people in the life of this woman, and in the progress which she made in her own life, and in the progress which she made in the life of the Nation."

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The Amelia Earhart Foundation,
Suite 105 - 744 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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An Unsolved Mystery

On the twenty-first day of May, 1937, Amelia Earhart started her "Around the World Flight" from Oakland, California. She piloted her Lockheed Electra across the United States, leaving her native country at Miami, passing along the coast of South America and over the Atlantic Ocean to the Western Coast of Africa.

She then continued to wing her way across the jungles of Africa and on to Calcutta, India; thence to Singapore; Port Darwin, Australia; and Lae, New Guinea.

Up to this point she had covered twenty-two thousand miles of her flight in forty days, approximately seven thousand miles remaining between her and her home port, Oakland, California.

At ten A. M. on Friday, July 2nd, Miss Earhart began her twenty-five hundred mile flight from Lae to a tiny spot of land in the great Pacific Ocean, Howland Island, and over a route never traveled by any human being in a plane.

This was by far one of the most hazardous trips ever attempted. It covered a vast body of water, literally studded with innumerable charted and uncharted islands, atolls, and coral reefs. Somewhere among them lies the solution of a mystery which has engaged the attention of the entire world.

REASON FOR SEARCH

At the time Miss Earhart's plane disappeared, the Navy Department came forward and offered its services and ships to conduct a search. It is well known that the Navy and Coast Guard made as thorough a search as was humanly possible under the hurried and unfavorable conditions prevailing at the time.

In view of the well known aeronautical skill of Amelia Earhart and the navigating ability of Captain Frederick J. Noonan, it would seem more than reasonable that, after they had passed over numerous islands, fighting a head wind, with their gasoline supply low, they attempted to retrace their path. In this case, they may well have landed on one of the many islands they had previously sighted.

From time to time, various amateur radio operators picked up messages, some of which were thought to have been authentic. Although messages indicated that the fliers were down on land, they were so garbled that no definite information could be gleaned as to their whereabouts.

A careful and lengthy analysis of these messages and data obtained during and since the search, together with a checking of American and British charts of the Pacific waters, has led those investigating to believe that some of the messages were authentic and that it is more than possible the fliers came down on land. This belief has been further strengthened through checking information collected with a number of the oldest and best known Pacific Ship Masters. A number of these, who have

spent many years of their lives in sail and power in these Pacific island waters, believe a strong probability exists that Miss Earhart and her navigator landed safely on some small island and may be still alive awaiting rescue. One of them states: "I am firmly convinced that there is far more than an even chance of Miss Earhart and her navigator having landed on one of the hundreds of islands in that area, where any kind of a ship might not touch for a year or many years."

In addition, there are instances where persons have been marooned on islands in this vicinity and have been able to sustain life for various lengthy periods.

FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

The FOUNDATION is preparing to conduct a search in and about these charted and uncharted islands, atolls, and coral reefs, for the purpose of covering territory which it has so far been impossible to survey thoroughly. In connection therewith, there will be used small boats from the "mother-ship," which is of shallow draught, making it possible to navigate waters inaccessible to vessels of deep draught.

Much scientific equipment is being taken on the expedition for a careful and minute search of six to eight months duration. The crew will be composed of men thoroughly experienced in the use of all such scientific equipment. The personnel will include divers, men trained in survey work, and men who are familiar with and have navigated these waters for many years.

With the knowledge that Amelia Earhart looked forward to the time when she could give her support and encouragement to other ambitious girls and women desirous of following aviation as a life work,* a group of her friends have been instrumental in establishing the AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION, a non-profit corporation.

PURPOSES OF FOUNDATION

To conduct an expedition to clear up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Amelia Earhart, the lost aviatrix, and Captain Frederick J. Noonan, her navigator, and to attempt to determine beyond doubt whether or not they are still alive.

To induce, encourage, and inspire the study of aeronautical navigation and the sciences akin thereto.

These, and other purposes, are fully set forth in the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of the State of California, as included herein.

FINANCES

The AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION will be supported by donations contributed by public-spirited citizens, friends, the public at large, and from the returns of sale of various rights:— books, moving pictures, radio, magazine articles, etc., as the Board of Governors may direct from time to time.

* See "Last Flight" by Amelia Earhart in collaboration with her husband, George Palmer Putnam.

The number, rights, privileges and powers of members shall be as follows:

1. Founder Members:
 - a. There shall be five Founder Members consisting of the five incorporators of this corporation.
 - b. In case of the resignation or death of any one or more of the said Founder Members, the vacancy or vacancies so created shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Founder Members.
 - c. A Founder Membership is not transferable.
 - d. That the powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by the Founder Members to the end that the purposes for which this corporation was formed may be carried out.
 - e. Founder Members shall have no interest whatsoever, either vested or otherwise, in the assets of the corporation.
2. Honorary Trustee Members:
 - a. Honorary Trustee Members shall be individuals of recognized character and integrity who shall be elected by the Founder Members.
 - b. The Founder Members shall determine from time to time the number of Honorary Trustee Members.
 - c. Honorary Trustee Members shall have no vote or voice in the conduct of the affairs or the business of this corporation, nor shall they have any interest in and to the assets of this corporation.
 - d. Honorary Trustee Memberships are not transferable.

ARTICLE IX

There shall be no capital stock; membership in the AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION shall be evidenced by a certificate executed under the Seal of the corporation and signed by the President and Secretary thereof.

ARTICLE X

This corporation from time to time may do any one or more of the acts and things to carry out any one or more of the purposes here set forth and may transact business in the State of California, in other states of the Union, in the District of Columbia, in the districts, dependencies and colonies of the United States and in foreign countries.

ARTICLE XI

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by resolution of the Board of Directors and the vote or written consent of all the Founder Members.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 23rd day of December, 1937, as the incorporators of the "AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION," a non-profit corporation.

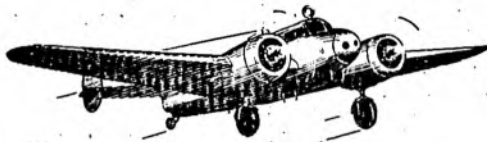
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KENNETH C. GILLIS	(Seal)
JAMES A. MAHARRY	(Seal)
E. H. DIMITY	(Seal)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.) ss.

On this 23rd day of December, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-seven before me, Darrell B. Edwards, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Nellie G. Donohoe, G. Earle Whitten, Kenneth C. Gillis, James A. Maharry and E. H. Dimity, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

DARRELL B. EDWARDS,
Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.



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Honorable Daniel C. Roper,
3001 Woodland Drive,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roper:

Inclosed herewith is information concerning the formation and purposes of the AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION, together with the Articles of Incorporation.

The worthiness of the cause, and the manner in which it is to be carried out, prompts the Board of Directors to extend to a few an invitation to become a member of the Honorary Board of Trustees.

Every precaution has been taken in the handling of accumulated funds which are to be raised as set forth in the accompanying folder.

Mindful of your interest in aviation, or in the merits of the purposes for which this is founded, I have been given authority by the Board of Directors to extend to you an invitation to become a member of this Honorary Board of Trustees.

Please read the inclosed carefully, and advise me of your acceptance.

Very cordially,

Nellie G. Donohoe
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Care, Amelia Earhart Foundation,
Suite 105,
744 Jackson Place NW.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chamberlin:

I am transmitting herewith a letter from the American Library Service, New York City, indicating a desire to get in touch with the Amelia Earhart Foundation for the purpose of furnishing interesting information concerning Miss Earhart and her work.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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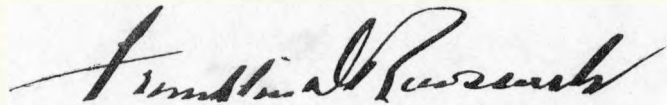
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R. 1, Box 650
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S. Sutton

Dear Mr. Sutton:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 31 relative to your letter to the Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Commerce, under date of April 21, 1946. The letter in question was referred to the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics by the Secretary's office with instructions to handle as necessary. You may rest assured that the Secretary's office is aware of the action that has been taken.

Sincerely yours,

E. M. STURMANN

for Administrator of Civil Aeronautics

cc: Secretary's Office ✓

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Mr. E. W. Libbey, Chief Clerk
Room 6422
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Libbey:

May I express appreciation, on behalf of The Amelia Earhart Foundation, of your interest and cooperation in helping to put the matter before the members of your Department.

It seems to be the feeling in the various Departments that the appeal should be kept going as long as any gifts come in--perhaps well through this month. We shall also appreciate any means you may be able to take, such as the sending around of a memorandum, of informing workers of this fact and to emphasize that contributions in any amount, however small, will be gratefully received. From the first it was the wish of Mrs. Roosevelt and the other sponsors that many people throughout the country might be given the opportunity to share.

If you have any gifts in hand, please send them direct to me here at the national headquarters, addressed Amelia Earhart Foundation, Room 949, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

E B Chamberlain

Ernest B. Chamberlain
Regional Director

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*P.S. If you have a few unused
Senator Caraway reports, I could
use them to good advantage here*

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Mr. E. B. Chamberlain,
Regional Director, The Amelia Earhart Foundation,
Room 949, 60 East 42d Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

I have your letter of June 15, and will inform our various
units of the continuation of Amelia Earhart Foundation Campaign.

Miss Cuddy, who is receiving contributions, will be re-
quested to send to you such collections as have been received.
Inasmuch as we distributed all of the Senator Caraway reprints,
I regret that there are none available for return.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. LIBBEY

E. W. Libbey
Chief Clerk.

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Mr. S. Sutton
R 1, Box 650
Pratt Avenue
St. Helena, California

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Your various letters concerning the possibility of locating Amelia Earhart have been brought to my attention and, at my direction, have been forwarded to the proper authorities.

The complete file of correspondence exchanged by you and the Civil Aeronautics Administration (a bureau of the Department of Commerce), as well as copies of the informative letters to you from the Navy Department (to which the Civil Aeronautics Administration referred your communications), has been reviewed in my immediate office.

In an organization so large as the Department of Commerce, many thousands of letters are received daily. However, an effort is made to answer all mail promptly and, if that is not possible, every attempt is made to refer it to an agency or person where it will receive the most pertinent attention.

Your confidence in the ability of the Commerce Department to assist you in your endeavor is greatly appreciated, but the Commerce Department has no supervision over such matters as searching for missing persons in foreign waters, which is primarily a function of the Navy Department. Your original letter of April 21 was referred by me, through the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, to the Navy Department, which Department wrote direct to you on June 5. Then, the Navy Department returned your letter of April 21 to my office, where it is now retained in my files.

Mr. S. Sutton

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The utmost consideration has been given to your correspondence here in the Department of Commerce, and you have received the fullest and most current advice that it is possible for the Navy to furnish to you.

It is hoped that the above explanation will help to clarify the situation, and that you will be satisfied that everything possible has been and is being done to find Miss Earhart and her companion.

Sincerely yours,

E. A. WALLACE

Secretary of Commerce

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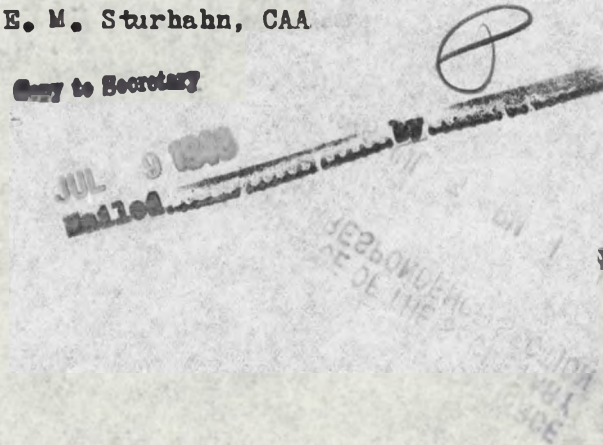
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Mrs. Noden

Chief of Naval Operations - Ref: H2-10; SO 5 22 119;
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E. M. Sturhahn, CAA

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COMMENTS:

Joe: - Please send
me complete file of
letters to and from
D. Sutton.
We've even had a
visit from the Post
office inspector on
this case. I B N

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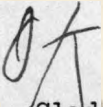
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1946

Mr. Gladieux:

While you were away,
Sturhahn sent in all correspondence
from this Sutton. I sent up to
Ryan's files, through Noden.

I think it would be well
if Mrs. Noden at least acknowledged
these letters for the Secretary --
otherwise, he'll be writing in
until he does get a letter from the
Secretary.

 Mildred

Bernard L. Gladieux

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS
CORRESPONDENCE ROUTING SLIP
(FOR USE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE ONLY)

CORRESPONDENCE FROM

S. Sutton
St. Helena, Calif

DATED -

June 20, 1946
DATE REC'D IN ADM. OFFICE
June 25

SUBJECT

Further complaint re failure to deliver his letter of
4/21/46 to Mr. Wallace.

ROUTING		DATE 6/26
TO	<i>Glading</i>	REF. NO. A—
FROM	<i>E. M. Sturshak</i>	REF. NO. A—1

INSTRUCTIONS

REPLY FOR MY SIGNATURE	PLEASE HANDLE
REPLY FOR YOUR SIGNATURE	PLEASE SEE ME
FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FILE	PLEASE COMMENT AND RETURN
NOTE AND RETURN	INVESTIGATE AND REPORT
RETURN FILE AND ANY COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE TO MY OFFICE	
RETURN ONLY COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE TO MY OFFICE	

REMARKS:

*Pls tell this guy that
Mr Wallace has sent his letter*



R 1 bx 650
Pratt Avenue
St. Helena California
20th June 1946

T.N. Wright
Administrator Civil Aeronautics
Washington D.C.

A1

Sir:

Memorandum is made that, if the confidential letter to Hon. Henry A. Wallace from me of date 4-21-46 is not restored and permitted delivery to him, the letter is in effect destroyed. Reason, the Navy already has, for two years past, information from me, and refuses to honor it.

An illegibly signed letter is had from that office, not indicating any willingness that the information pass to Mr. Wallace. Delay of 25 days of the letter after taken, not mentioned.

S. Sutton

ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25



OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

June 21, 1946

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Memorandum

To: Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Commerce

From: Executive Assistant to the Administrator


Subject: File of Correspondence - S. Sutton

S. Sutton

Sometime ago the Secretary's Office forwarded to the Administrator a letter written by Mr. S. Sutton under date of April 21, evidently relating to the disappearance of Amelia Earhart. In line with the instructions to handle, a copy of the letter was forwarded to the Navy Department for consideration in connection with search and rescue operations.

Since that time Mr. Sutton has objected to this handling of the matter and the letter has been returned to us by the Navy Department. Also a Post Office Inspector visited my office last week.

It is my thought that the entire file of correspondence should rest in the Secretary's file, and I am transmitting it herewith.


E. M. Sturhahn

Attachment

NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
Serial: 931P33
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



A1
18 JUN 1946

My dear Mr. Wright:

In response to your letter to the Chief of Naval Operations dated May 20, 1946, which enclosed a letter from Mr. S. Sutton dated April 21, 1946, an answer was forwarded to Mr. Sutton on June 5, 1946.

Mr. Sutton's reply dated June 10, 1946, to our letter requests that his letter of April 21st be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce since it was addressed to the Honorable Henry A. Wallace.

Accordingly, I am forwarding Mr. Sutton's original letter of April 21st, a copy of our reply, and a copy of Mr. Sutton's letter of June 10, 1946 to you for further transmittal to the Secretary of Commerce as requested by Mr. Sutton.

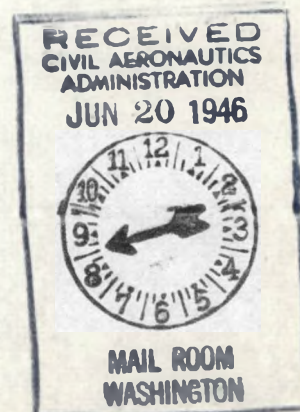
A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. Sutton.

Sincerely yours,



R. L. CONOLLY
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy

Mr. T. P. Wright
Administrator of Civil Aeronautics
Department of Commerce
Washington, 25, D. C.



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H2-10

SO 5 22 119

Serial: 797P33

5 June 1946

My dear Mr. Sutton:

Your letter dated April 21, 1946 to the Secretary of Commerce, regarding search for Amelia Earhart, has been referred to me for reply.

As you know, during the recent Pacific operations of World War II our forces as well as those of our Allies have carried on extensive land and sea operations in the most probable areas of loss of the Earhart plane as well as in all the areas adjacent to it. In addition, our shore teams have carried on thorough search operations of Pacific Islands and Atolls in order to trace missing persons of our own forces as well as to obtain information from the natives or other residents of events occurring in the area. Similar action has been taken or is in progress in areas assigned to our allies.

Our occupation of Japan, the Mandate Islands and other enemy areas has also provided me with a great amount of information regarding the past. Judging by similar information that has been obtained, it is felt that any positive clue as to the loss of the Earhart plane would also come to light.

In view of the above and in view of the fact that our efforts at locating any information regarding missing persons in the areas concerned are continuing, it is believed that every practicable step is being taken.

Your comments and recommendations are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. S. Sutton
R 1, Box 650
Pratt Avenue
St. Helena, Calif.

C O P Y

R 1 bx 650
Pratt Avenue
St. Helena, California
10th June 1946

Admiral D. C. Ramsey
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is had to yours of 5th June 1946; H2-10; SO
5 22 119; Serial 797P33.

The letter that was referred to you had been taken by
one not the addressee, held 25 days, and referred to you. It
was doubly-enveloped, marked confidential on inside envelope, and
sealed. It was addressed to Hon. Henry A. Wallace, not to T. N.
Wright.

The necessary matter, written by me, had been in hands of
the Navy Department about two years.

The delay and obstruction does grave harm to the remaining
chance for the lives of two persons who are obviously indicated
to have been taken by the Japanese Military Authority.

It is assumed you are willing to convey the letter to Hon.
Henry A. Wallace, to whom it was addressed; and to notify me.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours truly,

s/s S. Sutton.

C O P Y

R 1 bx 650
Pratt Avenue
St. Helena California
31st May 1946

T.N.Wright
Administrator Civil Aeronautics
Washington D.C.

A1

Sir:

It is indicated that you have opened and diverted a confidential re-enveloped letter addressed to Honorable Henry A. Wallace. The letter was from me and of date 21st April 1946.

You will notify me whether you had been authorized by Mr. Wallace to do as described, or not.

Respectfully

S. Sutton

Replied
6/11/46
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ADMINISTRATOR
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Ann -
Any record
here?

No record in our
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*Indisputably
No disappearance
of Amelia
Earhart*

R 1 bx 650
Pratt Avenue
St. Helena California
21st April 1946

Hon. Henry A. Wallace
Department of Commerce
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Wallace:

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Supplement is made letter ~~21st~~ March '46. Due to unusual circumstances, there was not known to me till very lately the import of signals heard 1937 by amateur radio stations. Therein occur corroborative indications detention by Japanese. Integrated effect of numerous and superficially confusing signals regarded.

Barring details, indication is made: Near 10:30 P.M. solar time Marshall Is., 6th July, was heard: "--281 north howland-- cannot hold out much longer--drifting southwest- we above water-- motor sinking in water-- very wet---". Observe glaring indications Japanese composition and transmission; also plane would have come down on open water whence its transmitter could not have sent that message at that time; also area was searched before and after; also the intrinsic content reappears in other signals proximal as to time and with bad keying. Near 3:40 P.M. solar time Marshall is., 8th July, was heard: "--- alls well at 5 degrees south lat., 173 degrees west---". Corresponds to ironical expression that would have been made by Japanese officer after having had time to make sure that the searchers were fully mystified. These signals no proof of anything; but evidence shows through as grave indication. Allowance is necessarily made for cranks and nuts among amateur radio opers.

Basically, detention is indicated even if all signals are thrown out. Grave prohibition of any intrusion Marshall Islands existed. Descent of plane far off-course is indicated. Upon missing Howland, the aviatrix would have reversed sharply and executed reconnaissance with north, south extension. Into northwest, the atmospheric laterals extended far; local storm front would have been deceptive to skilled navigator, during darkness. An off-north and retarded west position is probable; take-off was delayed; the Nurru signals (in newspapers) would have come with like indication if plane off-course even that early. Descent proximal Jaluit is probable, but detention is indicated regardless over extensive range, if there occurred inadvertent observation Japanese Military evidence.

Crux of matter is that search at west of Kerguelen as per my letter Australia 15th May 1944 to Director-General of Security, must be made. Then, if navigator, Mr. Noonah, survives, he can be had alive also. His detention at some outlying post or fish-boat is indicated. Any enquiry thereto now unwise.

Do not know Lindbergh's view, but suggest you talk to him (% United Aircraft Co., East Hartford 8, Conn.); also Mrs. Roosevelt, Sen. Claude Pepper, et al.

My efforts that search be made as per locus before given, and proximal region if necessary, continue inexorably.

Yours truly

S. Sutton.

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R 1 bx 650
Pratt Avenue
St. Helena California
12th March 1946

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Hon. Henry A. Wallace
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Wallace:

It would be my wish that you might speak to
Rep. Helen G. Douglas (Calif) and President Truman on the matter
following:

7-2-'37 Amelia Earhart Putnam; storm warning
radioed just before takeoff, overruled; probable deviation magnetic
compasses whereafter directional gyro could not be reset; by me
believed offcourse NW quadrant regional North 5 to 7 degrees, East
168 degrees; transmitter intact but no distress signal sent;
contact indicated, possibly Japanese fishing-boat; inspection
mandatory, detention nearly certain; if so, disposal believed solved;
effort to get U.S. approval to Australia to make search as informed
by me (President Roosevelt 5-18-44; Director-General of Security,
Canberra 5-15-44); former referred U.S. Chief Naval Operations; no
encouragement there.

Japanese would have notified U.S. warships, "No
need to search Marshall Islands, we will search them"; they did so;
would have taken aviatrix east, transferred her to deep-sea whaler,
thence to Kerguelen, thence by foot to west shore, thence, waiting on
weather, to Isle De L'Ouest, (B.A. Chart 2398), by sealer's boat
carried to west shore Kerguelen. Long time may have been taken,
but expense offset from Japanese standpoint. No other way would
have suited the Japanese like this.

Disposal Navigator (Mr. Noonan) wholly different;
unwise to make enquiry at this time; rigid precaution against any
possible causation of any rumors must be had.

Indication is clear. Our duty is to get this
search made. It must be made.

This is not from one who reads detective stories.
Did there exist any other course or region that by either condition
or circumstance would comparably suit the Japanese, the indication
would be weakened; such does not occur.

Last signals prove transmitter intact.

Your consideration is hoped for.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

S. Sutton

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