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FROM: Tokyo

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 445, August 10, 3 pm

EMTEL 152.

Foreign Office informs us GOJ has completed exhaustive investigation which revealed no basis whatsoever for rumor Japanese executed Amelia Earhart on Saipan in 1937. All available Japanese records searched and all former officers and officials contacted (REFTEL) during course investigation.

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J. ARTHUR YOUNGER
9TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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My dear Mr. Herter:

The attached stories about Amelia Earhart may have substance and be the means of solving the question of what happened to this outstanding aviatrix.

I would appreciate it immensely if you will see what can be done to investigate this story through Tokyo to see what records may be available that would shed light on this situation.

Also the Army may have come into possession of records when they captured Saipan that might shed additional light.

Cordially yours,

J. Arthur Younger, M. C.
9th District, California

Honorable Christian A. Herter
Secretary of State
Department of State
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NO.: A-471, June 9, 1960

SUBJECT: Request from Congressman Younger for
Information regarding Amelia Earhart

TO: American Embassy, TOKYO

The Embassy is requested to initiate appropriate inquiries to ascertain any available information pertaining to the reported death of Amelia Earhart in Saipan. News stories concerning this matter are enclosed.

Congressman Younger, a copy of whose letter of May 31 to the Secretary is also enclosed, is very interested in this matter and the Department wishes to be as responsive as possible to his request. Since despatching his letter to the Department he has subsequently phoned the Department indicating that he is under considerable pressure from his constituents for information.

Congressman Younger also requested that this matter be referred to the Department of Defense, which has been requested to initiate an investigation of military records on this matter.

HERTER

Enclosures: *at-*

1. Two news stories.
2. Copy of letter from Congressman Younger.

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Dear Colonel Roderick:

Congressman Younger has written to Secretary Herter requesting an investigation of the recent news stories pertaining to the reported death of Amelia Earhart on Saipan.

In a subsequent phone conversation he stated that he was under a good deal of pressure from constituents in California. He also requested that the Department of State request the Department of Defense to initiate an investigation of Army and other records which may shed some light on this matter. We have informed the Congressman that we have transmitted this request and have asked you to reply directly to him.

The Department of State has requested the Embassy at Tokyo to initiate appropriate inquiries regarding the report on Amelia Earhart. A copy of the news stories from the SAN MATEO TIMES, a copy of Congressman Younger's letter to Secretary Herter, and a copy of my reply to him are enclosed for your information.

Please advise me if you have any questions concerning this matter or if I may be of any help to you in the investigation.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Copy of news stories.
2. Copy of Congressman's letter to Secretary Herter.
3. Copy of letter to Congressman Younger.

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Colonel C.R. Roderick,
Director of Office of Legislative Liaison,
Office of the Secretary of Defense,
The Pentagon.

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June 9, 1960

Dear Mr. Younger:

Your letter of May 31 to Secretary Herter enclosing copies of the May 27 and 28 editions of the SAN MATEO TIMES which contained stories pertaining to the disappearance of Amelia Earhart has been referred to me for reply.

This information has been referred to our Embassy at Tokyo for its use in investigating the reports contained therein. In accordance with your request, a copy of your letter has also been referred to Colonel C. R. Roderick, Director of the Office of Legislative Liaison in the Department of Defense (Code 11, Extension 75381). The Department of Defense has been requested to initiate an investigation of the matter and forward promptly to your office any information it may have.

Your office will be informed of any developments in this matter as soon as they have been received from the Embassy.

I am returning the two newspaper stories for your records.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

Enclosures:

Two newspaper clippings.

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J. Arthur Younger,
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J. ARTHUR YOUNGER
9TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States
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Dear Bill:

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Regardless of the report which you have received from the Japanese Government at Tokyo, as outlined in your letter of August 19 relative to the Amelia Earhart case, the fact remains that there is increasing evidence that she did land at Saipan and was executed.

For instance, here is another lead that the State Department might well investigate: Mr. Thomas E. Devine of 86 Isadore Street, West Haven, Connecticut was in Saipan from July 1944 until August 1945 with the 244th Army Postal Unit. From all the information we can gather, he is a man of good character and he states that he actually saw the grave of Amelia Earhart on Saipan and I would appreciate it immensely if you will have someone in the State Department interview him.

I have also asked the Department of the Army to do the same but it should not be hard for your Department to interest itself further in this matter.

If it is found that he is correct, it would seem to me that Mr. Devine should be able to locate the grave; in which case there would be no question about identifying the remains as that of Amelia Earhart.

Cordially yours,

J. Arthur Younger, M. C.
9th District, California

Mr. William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
U. S. Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
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Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Mr. Stewart Cottman

The attached letter dated
July 19, 1960, from Mr. Harold A.
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and a tear sheet from the San Mateo
Times, July 16 edition, are being
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Amelia Earhart story.

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Very respectfully,



J. Arthur Younger

M. C., 9th District,
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John Marquand, U. S. Humorist, Dies

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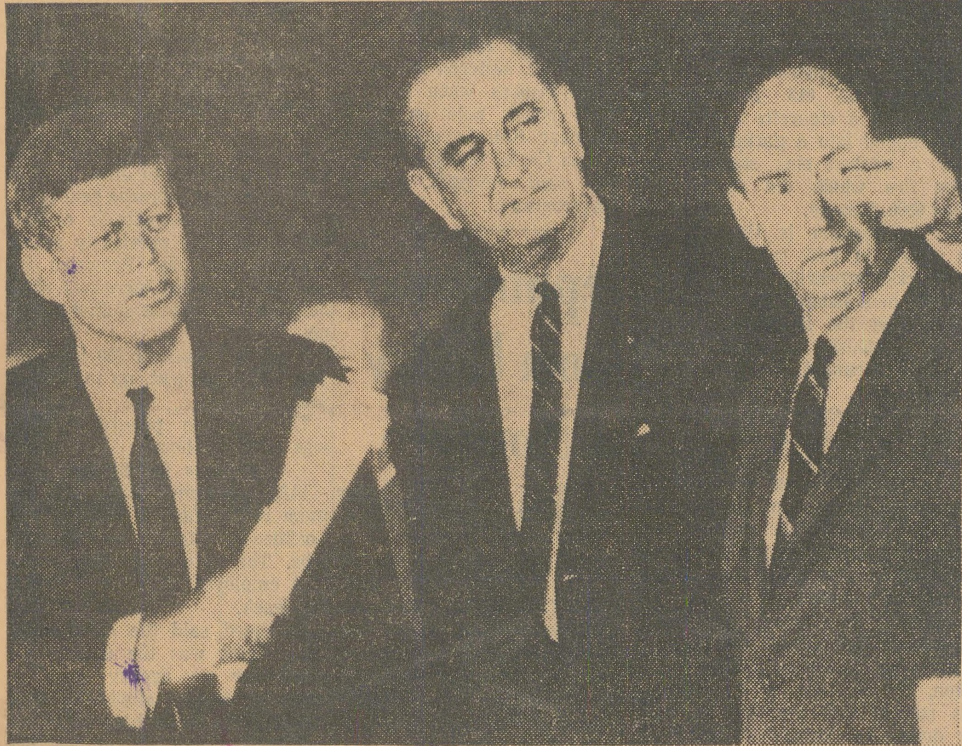
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WEATHER

Fair tonight with high fog early tomorrow morning. Fair tomorrow with gentle winds. Low temperature tonight, 53 degrees; high tomorrow, 85. San Francisco—High fog tomorrow morning clearing by noon. Low tonight, 52 degrees; high tomorrow, 71 degrees.

PRESIDENT WILL BRIEF KENNEDY ON FOREIGN POLICY



THIS WAY, ADLAI—Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson tries to get Adlai Stevenson to look toward Sen. John F. Kennedy while they posed for pictures in the Los Angeles Coliseum where Kennedy and Johnson accepted the Democratic party's nominations for president and vice president. (AP Wirephoto)

Legislative Plans Told by Demo Nominee

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sen. John F. Kennedy today accepted President Eisenhower's offer to keep him abreast of foreign policy developments during the months of the presidential campaign. At a news conference, the Democratic presidential nominee also announced that his brother, Robert, will be his campaign manager and that he intends to meet with congressional leaders to map a legislative program before Congress resumes its session next month.



JOHN MARQUAND

Ex-Serviceman Claims He Saw Earhart Grave

A former U.S. Army sergeant who served in Saipan says he was shown the unmarked island grave of two white people "who came from the sky," while he was serving there in 1944. He believes it to be the grave of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan and says he can find it again.

The Times has forwarded information given it by Thomas E. Devine of New Haven, Conn. to Saipan for further checking.

Devine told of visiting the grave site along with his buddy, Pfc. John R. Boggs of Denver, Colo.

Boggs told the Times today he remembers the visit to the cemetery with Devine and said that while he cannot recall the exact developments that took place there, that he does know that Devine is "a very intelligent and dependable man."

Devine told the New Haven Evening Register that he had never connected the information given him by a Chamorro native in 1944 with the Amelia Earhart mystery until he read the San Mateo Times revelation recently. (These were carried around the world by press wire services.)

Story Checks

But his story dovetails with that told by Mrs. Josephine Akiyama of 16 South Idaho street, San Mateo, and with that of 11 other island witnesses found by her husband, Maximo, on an expedition last month to the island, sponsored by the Times and KCBS.

Devine, if he is correct, became the first American to be given a concrete clue to the fate of the world-beloved aviatrix and her handsome navigator. The episode he relates pre-dates by a year the first revelation by Mrs. Akiyama — to a Passaic, N.J., dentist — of her recollections of seeing an "American lady flier" taken captive on Saipan, by the secrecy-conscious Japanese. But like the natives, who had never heard of Amelia Earhart, Devine never connected the incident with the fliers.

Now a commercial photographer, he was a technical sergeant with the 244th Army Postal Unit in 1944, he relates. One day he and three companions went for a swim at Garapan, the city on the west coast of Saipan.

Later, Devine continues, he and Boggs went for a walk and came across the native cemetery. Some graves were marked with stones, others with sticks and rude wooden crosses rising above mounds of sand and coral.

As the two stood looking at the graves, a native woman who lived nearby came up and began talking to them.

Through a Japanese interpreter, the soldiers learned she was asking if they were looking for white people.

Devine expressed surprise that any white people would be buried there.

In the first two cases, property owners now hold R-3 zoning, which corresponds to the proposed new R-5, maximum density apartment house use. City planners caution that high density (Please See Page 2, Column 3)

U.S. Warns of Red Moves on Hemisphere

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States declared today that there is "growing evidence of a desire of the Soviet Union to intervene more directly in the affairs of this hemisphere."

U.S. Ambassador John C. Dreier made the assertion in urging the Organization of American States to approve a proposal by Peru for a meeting of Western Hemisphere foreign ministers to consider such threats.

Peru Warning

Peruvian Ambassador Juan Bautista de Lavalle said American nations are threatened by an international communism plan "to subvert the freedoms" of Western Hemisphere nations.

Dreier also told the 21-nation OAS Council that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's missile threat against the United States is evidence of intervention by the Soviet Union.

He said, too, that Cuba's action in taking to the United Nations Security Council its charges of aggression by the United States violates both the real treaty and the U. N. charter.

Dreier said the foreign ministers also could consider other "very serious matters" which concern the American community, particularly in the Caribbean area. He noted that the council already has called for a meeting of foreign ministers to consider Venezuelan charges of aggression by the Dominican Republic.

UN Heads Off Congo Blowup

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (AP) — More United Nations troops arrived today in a race to put this nation under U.N. protection before Belgian-Congolese tensions explode. Belgium defied a Congo ultimatum to pull out its forces and sent in more troops.

Ten days of raping and pillage by Congo's Negro army left chaotic conditions that hampered efforts to get the U.N. forces organized quickly.

A platoon of troops from Ghana tried to get from the airport into Leopoldville to intervene where several thousand Negro civilians who were cursing Belgian troops on duty in the capital. But there was no transport for the Ghana soldiers.

Congolese police, who are sharing the maintenance of order with the unwellcome Belgian soldiers, finally dispersed the crowd. The United States, pouring more food supplies into the hungry republic, also sent 40 American soldiers with the U.N. force. The Americans will supervise unloading of all planes in the U.N. force airport.

The Americans were caught in the Belgian government in Brussels announced it would ignore Lumumba's break in diplomatic relations with Belgium, which granted The Congo independence only June 30. "In view of the anarchy which reigns" new measures will be taken to bring out Belgian nationals, a communiqué said. Brussels also announced a complaint will be made to the U.N. about "the atrocity committed against Belgians in the Congo."

No Belgian soldier stirred to leave when the 6 a.m. deadline set by Lumumba to clear out of The Congo passed. In fact, the Belgians said three more companies of troops were being flown from Belgium.

Ex-Stanford Star Killed

CORNWALL, Vt. (AP) — Air Force 1st Lt. Oleg V. Suzdaleff, 28, of San Francisco, died early today when the auto in which he was riding plunged off a highway and struck two trees.

State police said he died of a fractured skull and internal injuries.

Two other occupants, Shirley Ann Kawanisnicke, 25, of Medina, N.Y., and Harry Atkins, 29, of Philadelphia, were hospitalized with undetermined injuries.

The three were attending Middlebury College language school. Suzdaleff was captain of the Stanford University basketball team in 1954, when he won the Hank Luisetti most valuable player award.

Jackson to Be New Demo Chairman

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee today.

He agreed to serve in the key position through the presidential campaign and until his personal friend, John F. Kennedy, "is firmly established in the White House."

Jackson, 48, succeeds Paul M. Butler, resigning.

Kennedy asked Jackson to take the national chairmanship after he had tapped Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas for his running mate.

Jackson had wanted the vice presidential nod, and at first said he was not interested in the top position.

Upon the further urging of Kennedy and his brother, Robert, Jackson changed his mind and agreed to serve until about Jan. 21.

Kennedy also handpicked Mrs. Margaret Price of Michigan to be vice chairman of the Democratic National committee in charge of women's activities.

Mrs. Price will replace Mrs. Katie Louchheim of Washington, D. C., who has served as vice chairman since 1956.

Kennedy, the Democratic party's presidential nominee, told a news conference that he had asked Mrs. Price to serve in the past. He said Mrs. Louchheim has "generously agreed to work in my campaign."

"I think," he added, "We'll have the valuable service of both able women."

Needles at 117 Hottest in U.S.

NEW YORK (UPI)—Needles, Calif., with a temperature of 117 degrees, was the nation's hottest spot yesterday, according to the United States weather bureau report.

Fraser, Colo., reported the nation's low of 31 degrees this morning.

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Zoning Authorities Modified in New Master Plan

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles on the new master plan proposed for San Mateo city.)

By VERA GRAHAM

The latest draft of the proposed new San Mateo zoning code will be considered at a public hearing next Tuesday, at 8 p.m., at the city hall, sharply reduces the planning director whose office would be incorporated with that of zoning administrator. The new draft of the code sets forth the duties of a zoning administrator, incorporating them with those of the planning director. It names him as the official enforcement officer who must see to it that the provisions of the code are carried out. This is being done now, under the direction of the city manager but without the authority being spelled out.

Also, the section which pertained to the administrator's right to review plans has been eliminated. The requirement that he issue occupancy permits has also been stricken. This would have required every property owner in the city, including those in single family homes, to obtain permits for property use. As now set up, the zoning administrator would have the right to make inspections of all buildings and land uses as necessary to determine compliance with the law, would maintain records, provide a continuing program of education and public information on zoning matters; recommend abatement of violations of the code and aid in the prosecution. Under the new code every property use must provide adequate parking facilities on the property. Every newly built single family home must have a double garage and all other residential uses require one and a half spaces per dwelling unit. Half the number can be provided in an open, paved parking area. This is to relieve overnight curb parking. All businesses, retail, manufacturing uses must also provide parking facilities. At the present time they are not required to do so.

South of Hillsdale, the Casey court area, now zoned R-3, is being changed to R-5. Surrounded by business, it had been thought E-2 would be applied, but changed thinking has amended the use.

Planners anticipate little protest to the master plan and rezoning property owners on North Idaho street or on Kingston avenue near the city San Mateo municipal golf course, and a neighborhood on Forty-fourth avenue at the end of Beresford street.

In the first two cases, property owners now hold R-3 zoning, which corresponds to the proposed new R-5, maximum density apartment house use. City planners caution that high density (Please See Page 2, Column 3)

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Local Trio to Lead Meet of Sanitarians

The threat that rapid population growth poses to the purity of food, air and water supplies will be scrutinized in San Francisco next week, with a special assist by three San Mateo county men.

The National Association of Sanitarians will hold its twenty-fourth annual educational conference at the Jack Tar hotel July 18 to 22.

The Sanitarians are the men and women most directly responsible for what they call environmental hygiene. A combination health inspector and teacher, the sanitarian enforces laws designed to prevent contamination of food, air and water supplies and coaches the cook and scavenger and citizen cleanliness.

Reint Lingemann of Burlingame, president last year of the host Northern California chapter, is chairman of the hospitality committee. Harold W. Lindstrom of San Mateo is co-chairman of the advertising committee. Both are sanitarians with the San Mateo County Department of Health and Welfare.

William J. O'Connell of Burlingame, noted consulting engineer will take part in a panel discussion of "The Use of Watersheds for Recreational Areas".

The panel will explore the consequences of such recreational activities in watershed areas as hunting, fishing, boating, camping, picnicking and swimming on sources of water supply.

O'Connell, a leading authority on water supply and waste disposal, has predicted increasing pressures to open watersheds for greater recreational use. Last year, speaking to Northern California sanitarians, O'Connell warned them that "your problem is not to keep people out of the watershed, but how to police the use so the risk is minimized".

In addition to industrial clients, O'Connell serves the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Water as its engineering consultant, and Contra Costa county as its consultant on water supply, waste disposal and water and air pollution problems.

Chess Tells Stand on Jet Transfer

A full presentation of the economic factors involved in the possible loss of any jet service at International airport here was made in Washington, D.C., to the Civil Aeronautics Board by Supervisor T. Louis Chess.

Chess was granted time to speak after 28 members of an Oakland delegation appeared to urge more jet service for the Oakland airport.

Chess put the board on notice that San Mateo county is vitally interested and concerned over the diminishing in any manner any of the facilities at International airport.

He reported that San Francisco, the airport, the airlines and this county were working in unison to eliminate the jet noise nuisance.

The San Mateo County Development association pointed out at the meeting that 12,000 employees with a payroll of \$80,000,000, and \$1,000,000 in taxes is involved.

The county and the development association will prepare written statements outlining their position to be forwarded to the CAB. Notification will be made if the CAB decides to hold a formal hearing on the problem. Henry "Bud" Bostwick represented the development association at the hearing.

Changes for Russ Brass

MOSCOW (UPI)—President Leonid Brezhnev has been released from his post as secretary to the Communist party central committee, in order to devote more time to his duties as president of the state, it was learned today.

An announcement in the official government newspaper Izvestia said Brezhnev, still a member of the committee, was released from his post as secretary in a resolution passed by the wind-up session of the central committee yesterday.

The newspaper also said that Kliment Voroshilov, 80-year-old veteran of the Communist party, had been released from the presidium of the central committee at his own request.

The moves do not signify any shakeup in the government or party orders, and were considered routine by many Moscow observers.

California's Fair Weather to Stay

SAN FRANCISCO (P)—California's fair weather should continue through Monday, with temperatures remaining high over the inland areas.



ARRILLAGA CONTRIBUTION—Looking over the anesthesia respirator purchased for Mills hospital with money from the Ron Arrillaga Memorial Fund are, from left: Fund Chairman William A. Sullivan, hospital administrator

Robert D. Burness, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Arrillaga, Mrs. K. C. Kistler, San Mateo Junior Woman's club representative on the memorial fund, and Wes J. Schneider, treasurer of the memorial committee. (Times photo)

Kennedy to be Briefed by Ike

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on the Senate floor, and a measure to provide medical aid for the elderly.

Kennedy said he will be aiming at passage of a measure "as close as possible to the Forand bill."

"That was the measure, by Rep. Aime Forand (D-RI), to provide health care for the aged tied to the social Security system of payroll taxes. The administration fought it hard and it made little headway. A measure part way through Congress provides for a joint federal-state system, outside of the Social Security program."

Kennedy said flatly he favors racial integration in privately owned facilities such as restaurants and stores. He said he felt the "President should use his influence" to help bring this about.

He refused to give a time table for when he thought all public schools should be integrated, but said "the President should associate himself with a great moral cause" and use his influence to help implement desegregation decisions of the courts.

Kennedy took personal command of the Democratic party machinery today after bluntly laying the religious issue on the campaign line.

In a dramatic address accepting the first presidential nomination given to a Roman Catholic since 1928, Kennedy told a cheering throng of 60,000 in Los Angeles sprawling Coliseum Friday night: "I am telling you now what you are entitled to know: That my decisions on every public policy will be my own—as an American, a Democrat and a free man."

With that position fixed, Kennedy called his first general news conference since the party convention gave him its top nomination.

Moments after the sun had dipped below the rim of the vast stadium, Kennedy strode to the podium of temporary stands to lay down a blueprint for a fighting campaign to carry America beyond the "New Frontier" into a space age he said demands "a new generation of leadership."

But as a preliminary to his promise to provide "creative Democratic leadership in the White House," the 3-year-old Massachusetts senator grasped the issue of his Catholicism for the forelock and shook it out for his GOP opponents to inspect.

"I hope no American, considering the critical issues facing this country, will waste his franchise by voting either for me or against me solely on account of my religious affiliation," he said.

The shirt-sleeved crowd, which filled about two-thirds of the expansive reaches of seats roared back its approval.

And, speaking with scorn, Kennedy brought up the name of the man certain to lead the Republican Party against Kennedy in the fall—Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

The Democratic candidate described Nixon as "a man who has spoken or voted on every known side of every known issue."

Mr. Nixon may feel it is his turn now, after the New Deal and the Fair Deal—but the cards will

Earhart Clue To Grave Told

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on the island, for years a stronghold of the Japanese.

The woman insisted she could show where two whites, a man and a woman buried.

Came From Sky
Devine expressed disbelief but followed her to a spot just beyond marker. It was here, she insisted, the two whites were buried in unmarked graves.

Devine asked through the interpreter when and where the two had come from.

"They came from the sky a long time ago," was her reply.

Devine thought nothing more about it until reading the Times story. Now, the Register reports, he is convinced the graves indicated by the native woman were those of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan.

And if the old graveyard is still there, he is sure he could point out the exact location of the unmarked burial place.

Boggs said that he does not recall the conversation but "Devine was more probing than I was. I probably just stood by and ignored them."

He said he and Devine "went a lot of places we were not supposed to go. And I recall the visit to the old cemetery."

"They told me that the crosses were so close together because it was the custom to bury one body above the other in groups or families."

"And I recall one crucifix that was enclosed in a little roof. At the Times' telephone request, Boggs is forwarding a number of pictures he has kept of the cemetery to Devine in New England for further checking."

Public Hearing On Master Plan

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use does not necessarily mean enhanced value and return, because of high upkeep, high depreciation, and the tendency toward a high turnover.

In supporting the apartment development trend in San Mateo planners note the city has failed to develop an economy based on industry actively employing a large number of people living within the city. But, San Mateo does have two excellent regional shopping centers—the downtown district and Hillsdale—which are a main source of employment and revenue. In order to maintain them, a high standard of purchasing power is necessary.

Although not included in the plan, the city's planning department has suggested to Developer Axel Johnson, who recently purchased the Burlingame Murray lands, lying west of Hillsdale in the unincorporated area, a plan of development which provides a diversification of residential property, with apartment house development included, particularly near the College of San Mateo.

USE CHANGE
Also included in the plan is a proposed change of use to meet the trend for the area east of the railroad tracks. It includes both sides of Delaware and Claremont streets from Fifth to First avenue. Claremont would be changed to C-4, general service and wholesale business use and Delaware on both sides would go C-3, highway and service business. Here are located some of the city's oldest structures, no longer suited to duplex use for which it is now zoned, and unsuitable for a first-class

Baywood Will Protest Bank Variance OK

The Baywood Owners Improvement association today announced its opposition to the city of San Mateo's granting of a variance at the corner of Fourth avenue and El Camino Real, Baywood, for construction of a bank and office building.

William G. Van Beckum, acting president, said the organization will appear before the council Monday night to formally state its opposition.

"The granting of a variance there is inconsistent with the zoning that applies to the area."

"We are already on record and will again go on record Monday night as opposing commercialization on the El Camino frontage and the area west of it for any purpose other than that for which it is presently zoned, which is apartment dwellings."

He said all Baywood residents are being urged to attend the meeting and express their feelings toward "These variances which are being issued so regularly and which should be halted."

"We simply don't want to see commercialism start here and creep into the remainder of the Baywood area," he said.

Van Beckum added that "we understand that serious consideration is already being given for establishment of a restaurant behind the recently allowed Bank of America building on Third avenue and El Camino Real."

He also noted that at the last council session, representatives of the owners of an apartment building at 120 West Third indicated they might seek a variance for their structure.

De Tristan Kidnaper Asks Out

Wilhelm Jakob Muhlenbroich is again seeking parole from prison after serving 2 years of a life sentence for kidnaping three-year-old Marc de Tristan of Hillsborough and holding him for \$100,000 ransom.

Muhlenbroich, now 61, at Folsom state prison, yesterday filed a notice of his parole application with the San Mateo county clerk. He invited views on his request from the Hillsborough police Chief Walter Wisnom, Presiding Superior Court Judge Aylett R. Cotton, District Attorney Keith C. Sorenson, and Sheriff Earl B. Whitmore.

Muhlenbroich, who has been in prison since October 4, 1940, has been seeking parole since 1947.

A hearing on the parole request will be held in October of November, Muhlenbroich's notice said.

The boy was kidnaped at noon Friday, as his nurse walked him along the road outside the family estate. He was recovered, unharmed, on Sunday morning when two lumberjacks near Placerville saw the boy in the car of a man who had asked directions to Nevada.

At his home here this morning, the kidnap victim, now 23, said his memories of the incident are so remote that he has no feelings one way or the other.

"I've never given much thought to having him out walking around," he said. He added that according to his understanding, Muhlenbroich would be deported from the country, in the event of his release, as an illegal alien. Muhlenbroich is a German citizen.

Record Sale For Property

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To start soon, it was reported. The cash transaction was recorded with the San Mateo Title company yesterday afternoon by Rocca.

The Polo Club Realty firm is headed by Hillsborough Developer L. C. Smith, president and includes William Gilmore of Atherton and George Pope of Hillsborough as the principals on the board of directors. A number of smaller stockholders also make up the realty firm.

The property sold is located across the street from the Holly Sugar Co. building and has a frontage of 180 feet on West Twentieth avenue and about 500 feet on Elkhorn court.

Only three years ago, the price per acre in the district was reported at about \$40,000.

Sloppy Burglar Steals Rifles

An expensive gun collection was stolen by "sloppy" burglars who entered the home of Joseph J. Bullock at 110 Sunrise drive, Skyline, early today, sheriff's deputies reported.

Bullock said he returned home and discovered burglars who entered his home by coming in through a rear window had completely ransacked his residence, leaving drawers, closets and a cupboard open.

The only things taken, deputies said, were three shotguns, a rifle and a pellet pistol, all valued at more than \$600.

Car Crashes Fire Truck

Five accidents, one involving 39, of 35 Valencia court, Portola Valley, which had stopped to allow another car to make a left turn.

Officers said Elliott had apparently been taking a cocaine prescription.

Atherton Accident
In another Atherton accident, Richard W. Shane, 23, a Mountain View stock clerk, and Edward L. Barry Jr., 40, a Los Altos lawyer, suffered minor injuries when their cars were involved in a rear-end collision on El Camino Real at Atherton avenue early today.

Both received emergency treatment at Palo Alto hospital.

Terry M. Carr, 17, of 1320 Yew street, San Mateo, a U.C. student, and Maurine J. Barteau, 18, of Alameda, were treated at Community hospital last night for minor injuries suffered when the sports car driven by Carr missed a curve and plunged over an embankment on Tunitas Creek road four miles west of Skyline boulevard, highway patrolmen reported.

Paul Otto Jungnick Jr., 45, a foreman of 515 Sequoia avenue, Redwood City, suffered numerous cuts and bruises when his car struck a power pole on Eaton avenue near Ruby avenue early today, San Carlos police reported. Officers said Jungnick refused medical treatment.

Fire Chief Harry Chamberlain said another fire truck was dispatched to the home of A. H. Heinemann at 615 Southview court, where a cigarette accidentally dropped into a garbage can under a kitchen sink started a minor fire which did an estimated \$300 damage.

The intersection is the same one where, in 1955, two Belmont fire trucks answering an alarm, collided, demolishing one. Chamberlain said the fire truck was not so seriously damaged last night that it cannot answer emergency calls.

Three-Car Crash
Alden L. Elliott, a 50-year-old Palo Alto carpenter was booked on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and narcotics after a three-car rear end collision on El Camino Real, north of Alameda avenue last night, Atherton police reported.

According to officers, Elliott's southbound car struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Joseph M. Dillon, 51, of Los Altos, which was pushed into the rear of a car driven by Ralph W. Sauber.

Driver Dies at Car's Wheel

A major fire alarm was given in downtown San Mateo this morning when Walter R. Fox, 80, of 564 Borel avenue, died at the wheel of his car while traveling west of East Fourth avenue.

His late model car smashed into the Hibernia Bank, corner of East Fourth and San Mateo drive, breaking the large plate glass window. The car then bounced back to the curb, becoming wedged between a parking meter and a parked car belonging to Dianne P. Hays of 1416 Bellview avenue, Burlingame.

Three fire trucks reported to the scene after an unidentified person turned in a fire alarm. The right rear tire of the victim's car was completely burned away as the car became wedged between the meter and parked car. Firemen said the wheels continued turning after the car became jammed between the two objects.

In San Francisco William M. Brinton, identifying himself as national chairman of the Draft Rockefeller committee, said the New York governor now has delegate strength "touching on the critical area for the other man in the race."

Brinton, San Francisco attorney, declared Rockefeller "definitely has 250 delegates."

Brinton seconded a statement by Barnes, whom Brinton said was chairman of a New York state draft Rockefeller committee, that Rockefeller is the only Republican who can win against the Kennedy bandwagon.

Girl Raped in Tahoe Tent

LAKE TAHOE (AP)—A 16-year-old baby sitter from Hayward was raped early today while her girl friend huddled in tight inches away in another sleeping bag. The victim and a girl friend were forced to undress by a man who entered their tent about 1:30 a.m., sheriff's deputies said.

The man then ordered them into sleeping bags and raped the 16-year-old baby sitter, deputies said. The girl described her attacker as being about 40 years old, Latin, and wearing a cowboy hat.

She was baby sitting in the El Dorado camp ground at the south Tahoe resort of Al Tahoe.

El Dorado County sheriff's deputies are investigating.

Jury Completed For Finch Trial

LOS ANGELES (P)—A jury of 11 women and one man has been selected to hear the second murder trial of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and his sweetheart, Carole Tregoff.

Ten housewives are on the jury—which must weigh evidence in the slaying last July of Barbara Jean Finch, the doctor's wife. The handsome surgeon and his former receptionist were tried on the same charges—murder and conspiracy—earlier this year. The trial ended in a jury deadlock.

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Machinists And Lockheed Approve Pact

BURBANK (AP)—Striking machinists have approved the latest contract offer of Lockheed Aircraft Co.'s missiles and space division, ending their month-old walkout at four California installations, it was announced today.

The strikers will return to work Monday. The division builds the Navy's Polaris submarine missile and is prime contractor for the Discoverer, Samos and Midas satellite systems. The company says it has met all critical dates in its defense contracts.

Approximately 5,800 members of the International Assn. of Machinists voted by a 3-2 margin Thursday and Friday to accept the Proposal. Ballot counting was completed late Friday night.

Affects 10,500
The new contract affects approximately 10,500 hourly employees at Van Nuys, Sunnyvale, Santa Cruz and Vandenberg Air Force Base, in California, and in Hawaii and Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

Workers struck June 15 at the California installations, but the Hawaii and Holloman employees did not walk out.

Main provisions of the new contract:

A 4-cent hourly increase this year, retroactive to June 13, and a 3-cent hourly increase next year. Freezing of 6 cents in cost-of-living increases previously granted into base pay. Provision for new cost-of-living increases after July 1961 if the cost of living goes up.

A layoff benefit of \$50 for each year's employment, up to a maximum of \$500. The average pre-strike wage was \$2.66 per hour.

Reasons for Strike
IAM spokesmen have said the main reason for the walkout was Lockheed's attempt to reclassify jobs. The union said this would cost employees an average of \$20 per week.

Lockheed said the chief stumbling block was the union's demand for an agency shop, in which all workers eligible for IAM membership would have to pay union dues regardless of whether they joined.

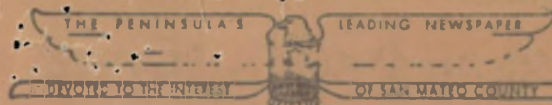
There will be neither job reclassification nor an agency shop under the new contract, a union spokesman said.

8 Danish Athletes Die in Plane Crash
COPENHAGEN, Denmark (UPI)—Eight members of Denmark's international soccer "B" and junior teams were killed today when their plane crashed on takeoff from an airport here.

The pilot survived the crash but was reported in critical condition.

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Hon. J. Arthur Younger
Room 320
Old House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Our Editor and Publisher, Mr. J. Hart Clinton, has requested that we inform you of the most recent developments in the Amelia Earhart story and that we ask your assistance as follows:

Enclosed are three tear sheets of pages 1-2 of the July 16 edition of the San Mateo Times on which we published a story captioned "Ex-Serviceman Claims He Saw Earhart Grave".

The above captioned story was based upon a letter which we received from Mr. Thomas E. Devine and a subsequent telephone conversation between Mr. Devine and one of our reporters who called the former to question him concerning the contents of his letter. Our reporter also telephoned Mr. John R. Beggs of Denver, Colorado, who is also mentioned in our news story. The latter spoke very highly of Mr. Devine, in effect stating that he was an intelligent man of good character.

In the course of the telephone conversation between Mr. Devine and our reporter, Mr. Devine gave us some very precise information as to the location of the cemetery and the graves which he had visited, along with a very graphic description of the entire area. This information was not, of course, published in our story.

As any newspaperman can tell you, every big story brings out a number of questionable witnesses, including emotionally disturbed persons who wish to gain some notoriety. The latter description, however, does not seem to fit Mr. Devine and his story checks closely with the description of the Saipan area given to us by Mr. Marino Akiyama, formerly a resident of Saipan, who has recently had occasion to return to said Island to assist in a private investigation co-sponsored by radio station KCBS (San Francisco) and the Times.

It is the firm policy of this newspaper not to sell or otherwise use any of the stories and pictures which we have obtained in connection with the Amelia Earhart mystery for personal financial gain. As a newspaper with an outstanding reputation for honesty and integrity, we are concerned with only one point — that being to assist in any way we can with the determination of truth or falsehood of stories circulated to date concerning the fate of Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Mr. Noonan. This will remain our position even though we could be embarrassed by subsequent developments in the Amelia Earhart story.

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We urge that you forward to the proper authorities, on our behalf, our request that the appropriate department or agency of our federal government investigate fully the story given to us by Mr. Devine. His address is 86 Isadore Street, West Haven, Connecticut, telephone WE 4-0801. We also request that you advise the proper authorities that the San Mateo Times is prepared to cooperate fully with the appropriate department or agency by making available all of the information, including pictures, in our confidential files, or to answer any questions to the best of our ability.

Please advise us what steps you have taken in this matter and of the response given to our request for an official investigation of Mr. Devine's story and of any and all related phases of the Amelia Earhart mystery.

Sincerely yours,

SAN MATEO TIMES

Harold A. Schlotthauer
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

August 20, 1960

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Dear Bill:

Regardless of the report which you have received from the Japanese Government at Tokyo, as outlined in your letter of August 19 relative to the Amelia Earhart case, the fact remains that there is increasing evidence that she did land at Saipan and was executed.

For instance, here is another lead that the State Department might well investigate: Mr. Thomas E. Devine of 86 Isadore Street, West Haven, Connecticut was in Saipan from July 1944 until August 1945 with the 244th Army Postal Unit. From all the information we can gather, he is a man of good character and he states that he actually saw the grave of Amelia Earhart on Saipan and I would appreciate it immensely if you will have someone in the State Department interview him.

I have also asked the Department of the Army to do the same but it should not be hard for your Department to interest itself further in this matter.

If it is found that he is correct, it would seem to me that Mr. Devine should be able to locate the grave; in which case there would be no question about identifying the remains as that of Amelia Earhart.

Cordially yours,

J. Arthur Younger, M. C.
9th District, California

Mr. William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
U. S. Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

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September 9, 1960

Dear Mr. Younger:

Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1960, concerning further leads in the Amelia Earhart case.

The Department has consulted on this matter with the Department of the Navy, the branch of the Executive administering Saipan Island. That Department has agreed that any evaluation of the information in Mr. Devine's possession would necessarily have to be made by the Saipan Administration, which alone would be able to check Mr. Devine's information directly. The Saipan Administration had conducted a prior investigation into the Earhart case and failed to find grounds to support the contention that she was executed there in 1937.

You may be assured that the Department of the Navy will contact Mr. Devine in the very near future and, after consideration and evaluation of the information received, will correspond directly with you.

Sincerely yours,

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William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

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Dear Mr. Younger:

Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1960, concerning further leads in the Amelia Earhart case.

The Department has consulted on this matter with the Department of the Navy, the branch of the Executive Administration responsible for the administration of the Hawaiian Islands. That Department has agreed that any evaluation of the information in Mr. Devine's possession would necessarily have to be made by the Hawaiian Administration, which alone would be able to check Mr. Devine's information directly. The Hawaiian Administration had conducted a prior investigation into the Earhart case and failed to find grounds to support the contention that she was executed there in 1937.

You may be assured that the Department of the Navy will contact Mr. Devine in the very near future and, after consideration and evaluation of the information received, will correspond directly with you.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Hooper, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
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U. S. Navy as administering authority Saipan also undertook similar investigations on Saipan itself. State was informed by Navy December 24, 1960 that full investigation by Commander Naval Forces Marianas revealed no basis for allegations.

Mr. Fred Dutton has been informed of incoming message and above response. He will advise you of any additional information which becomes available.

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September 9, 1960

Dear Mr. Younger:

Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1960, concerning further leads in the Amelia Earhart case.

Assistant Secretary Parsons has consulted on this matter with the Department of the Navy, the branch of the Executive administering Saipan Island. That Department has agreed that any evaluation of the material in Mr. Devine's possession would necessarily have to be made by the Saipan Administration, which alone would have the prerequisite background information, and which would be able to check Mr. Devine's information directly. Parenthetically, it may be noted that the Saipan Administration conducted a prior investigation into the Earhart case and has failed to find grounds to support the contention that she was executed there in 1937.

You may be assured that the Department of the Navy will write to Mr. Devine in the very near future and, after consideration and evaluation of the data received, will correspond directly with you.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Macomber, Jr.
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2188 Woodward Ave., Lakewood, 7, Ohio.
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Hon. William E. Minshall, M.C.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you a week or ten days ago about various subjects but forgot to mention one item that was particularly on my mind; and one that I am very much interested in, and that is: The Amelia Earhart Mystery. I am sure that by now you too have heard rumors about how she may have been shot down in or around The Howland Islands, in the Pacific by the Japanese, when they were fortifying Okinawa and the other islands in the Pacific.

I had the pleasure and the privilege of meeting her at The Air-races in Cleveland, and I can say this: she was a dedicated Air-woman if there ever was one. You could not help but like her, with her tussled hair; in fact, she was so much like Lindbergh, she was called: Lady Lindy! and it suited her to a 'T'.

I do not know if Congress has taken any action in this matter but I believe it should. There should be a thorough investigation of this matter to find out if possible just what happened; the bodies of both Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Noonan, should be recovered, brought back to the United States, for 'more decent internment' in Arlington Cemetery, if possible, because as I remember it, they were on a secret mission for Hap Arnold of The Air Force. No doubt the State Department would put up a howl about this. Their attitude is: let sleeping dogs lie, but I am sure there are others like myself who remember and feel as I do about this case. They certainly deserve all we can do for them now since they had to give their lives to do it.

I know very little can be done now with all the hub-bub of the convention and other things to detract attention from it, but I hope Congress will be decent enough to investigate this matter. That was really our first U-2 case. Today Dru Pearson made the statement over the radio that our U-2 pilot had confessed to the Russians, about spying, that it was not the first time, and so forth. He made the statement that Powers must have been thoroughly brain-washed and is helping to give valuable information to the Russians. What is our Air Force coming to? I can understand that a man under extreme pressure may give ground but is there no remedy for such behavior? How does it come only American pilots are captured by the Russians and we never capture any of theirs? Does this mean that only American pilots are flying recon missions? And not the Russians? Why can't we capture some Russians off base? I feel very badly for those boys that have been shot down in: the Baltic, Arabia, Armenia, and many others too numerous to mention, and what has been done about it while the boys are rotting away in Russian prisons. Exactly nothing. The President play golf while our boys rot in Russian prison camps in Siberia. That sure is a lousy deal. That is how much generals are interested in the welfare of their men. It will be a long time before another general will be elected President.

My earnest hope is that Congress will do something about these things I have mentioned. I bring it to your attention with that hope. Thank you.

Yours respectfully,
Knud A. Knudsen.

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August 5, 1960

Dear Mr. Minshall:

I refer to your letter of July 27, 1960, enclosing a communication from Mr. Knud A. Knudsen of Lakewood, Ohio, concerning the Amelia Earhart case, and other matters.

As you may be aware, extensive efforts were made in the immediate postwar period by the Supreme Commander Allied Powers Japan to secure definite information as to the fate of Miss Earhart. Despite the fact that these were inconclusive, the case is by no means closed in the files of the Department of State. At the request of our Government, the Japanese Government has recently opened a new investigation into Miss Earhart's disappearance, and is now in the process of questioning a number of persons who had served in the Saipan area in 1937. You may be assured that I shall write to you on this matter again just as soon as further information is received.

Mr. Knudsen is understandably concerned over the fate of American airmen who have been shot down by the Russians. I am sure Mr. Knudsen will have followed with interest Ambassador Lodge's statements in this regard during the recent Security Council debate on the RB-47 plane incident. In his July 26th statement Ambassador Lodge pointed out to the Soviet representative, "the difference between the United States and the Soviet Union is that we shoot their planes with cameras. They shoot ours with guns and rockets and kill or imprison our crews--even though not one man, woman, or child in Russia has ever been injured by our planes, not one." Ambassador Lodge then went on to ridicule the Soviet charge that we had committed an aggressive act by asking, "What are you crying about? How can you complain about us when this is what you are doing?"

I am sure you will also wish to point out to Mr. Knudsen that the United States Government is still making representations about the American airmen who are being detained by the Soviet authorities. Unfortunately, in instances of this kind, the Soviet Union has a consistent record of callousness and intransigence.

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The Honorable
William E. Minshall,
House of Representatives.

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Please do not hesitate to write to me in the future if I
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Sincerely yours,

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William B. Macomber, Jr.
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Foreign Office informs us GOJ has completed exhaustive investigation which revealed no basis whatsoever for rumor Japanese executed Amelia Earhart on Saipan in 1937. All available Japanese records searched and all former officers and officials contacted (REFTEL) during course investigation.

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Dear Mr. Brooks:

I refer to your interest in the Amelia Earhart case as expressed in your letter of June 6, 1960, and to my letter of July 15, 1960.

Our Ambassador at Tokyo has informed me that the Government of Japan has now completed an exhaustive investigation which revealed no basis whatever for the rumor, given recent currency by speculative articles in the press, that Miss Earhart was executed by Japanese officials on Saipan in 1937. The investigation included a search of all available Japanese records, and interrogation of a number of Japanese officials who had served in the Saipan area in 1937.

Since the facts surrounding Miss Earhart's disappearance still remain a mystery, I should like to assure you that any avenues which seem promising of additional information will be explored as they arise. I shall write to you again as a matter of course whenever significant information is received.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
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August 19, 1960

Dear Mr. Minshall:

I refer to your interest in the Amelia Earhart case as expressed in your letter of July 27, 1960, and to my letter of August 5, 1960.

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Dear Mr. Younger:

Your letter of May 31 to Secretary Porter enclosing copies of the May 27 and 28 editions of the SAN MATEO TIMES which contained stories pertaining to the disappearance of Amelia Earhart has been referred to me for reply.

This information has been referred to our Embassy at Tokyo for its use in investigating the reports contained therein. In accordance with your request, a copy of your letter has also been referred to Colonel C.R. Roderick, Director of the Office of Legislative Liaison in the Department of Defense (Code 11, Extension 75381). The Department of Defense has been requested to initiate an investigation of the matter and forward promptly to your office any information it may have.

Your office ^{will} ~~shall~~ be informed of any developments in this matter as soon as they have been received from the Embassy.

I am returning the two newspaper stories for your records.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

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The Honorable
J. Arthur Younger,
House of Representatives.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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June 14, 1960

Dear Mr. Younger:

This is to acknowledge your letter of May 31, addressed to the Honorable Christian A. Herter, Secretary of State, requesting an investigation of the recent news stories pertaining to the reported death of Amelia Earhart on Saipan.

This matter has been referred to the appropriate officials within the Department with the request that a reply be sent directly to you.

Sincerely,

F. E. RICH
Commander, USN
Deputy Director
Office of Legislative Liaison

Honorable J. Arthur Younger

House of Representatives

cc: Mr. Ray Maverkamp
Bureau of Northeastern Asian Affairs
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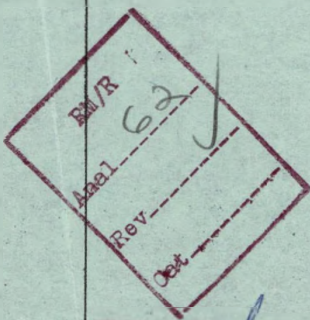
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There has been extensive press coverage in US of speculation that Amelia Earhart died on Saipan, based primarily on reports that USAF Officer believes he has located graves of Miss Earhart and navigator there. Other stories report parts of Miss Earhart's plane have been found and witnesses who claim to remember foreigners being executed at about time of Miss Earhart's disappearance have been located. Admiral Zenshiro Hoshina's denial that executions had taken place was also carried by AP.

Believe Embassy should inform FonOff of widespread Congressional and public interest in US in these stories and express to FonOff our hope that GOJ investigation of these stories will be completed promptly.



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FonOff has promised to investigate Mrs. AKIYAMA's assertion that Amelia EARHART was executed on Saipan in 1957. Inquiries will be directed to officials assigned to Saipan during 1957 and former Japanese residents of Saipan repatriated to Japan after war. FonOff suggested Congressman Younger be informed that investigation will necessarily require considerable time and may prove fruitless.

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Dear Mr. Younger:

I refer to my letter of June 9 concerning your request for information on the disappearance of Amelia Earhart.

The Embassy at Tokyo has reported that, as a result of your request, they have made approaches at the Japanese Foreign Office. The Foreign Office is currently searching its files and discussing the matter with former residents of Saipan. It will take some time before the Foreign Office's efforts will permit of any conclusions in the matter. The Embassy has been informed of the need for urgency.

The Foreign Office has further cautioned that the investigations may well prove fruitless.

As soon as the Embassy has received results of the Foreign Office's search, they will be conveyed to the Department and to you.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable

J. Arthur Younger,
House of Representatives.

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IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, EMBASSY URGED FONOFF TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF RUMORS THAT AMELIA EARHART MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXECUTED BY JAPANESE IN 1937.

FONOFF REPLIED THAT IT HAD ALREADY STEPPED UP INVESTIGATION BECAUSE OF APPARENT INTEREST IN US AND CONCERN THAT PROLONGED SPECULATION MIGHT REVIVE ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT. INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY WELFARE MINISTRY'S REPATRIATION BUREAU WHICH IS TRYING TO CONTACT POSSIBLE WITNESSES, BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY.

IF DEPT FINDS IT NECESSARY TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT, FONOFF HAS REQUESTED THAT REMARKS BE PHRASED TO AVOID ANY SUGGESTION THAT GOJ BELIEVES STORIES ARE TRUE. REFERRING TO ADMIRAL HOSHINA'S DENIAL, FONOFF STATED THAT UP TO NOW GOJ HAS UNCOVERED NOTHING THAT CONFLICTED WITH THIS DENIAL.

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July 15, 1960

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Dear Mr. Brooks:

This is in reply to your letter of June 6 attaching a telegram from Mrs. T.S. Neal in which Mrs. Neal requests you to check on recent press stories concerning the disappearance of Amelia Earhart.

The Department of State, through the American Embassy in Tokyo, has inquired of the Japanese Foreign Office concerning the press stories claiming that Amelia Earhart was executed by the Japanese. The Foreign Office is currently conducting an investigation of these reports and is expected to reply to the Embassy shortly. As soon as the results of the Foreign Office inquiry are known, I shall be in touch with you again. In the meantime, no evidence has yet been presented that Amelia Earhart was in fact executed by the Japanese and until concrete evidence is provided it would be well to view the press reports cautiously.

I am returning Mrs. Neal's telegram for your files. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Hogland 2nd
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Telegram.

The Honorable
Overton Brooks,
House of Representatives.

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July 6, 1960

Honorable William B. Macomber
Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Macomber:

I enclose telegram of July 2 from Mrs. T. S. Neal of
Shreveport, Louisiana, regarding the report concerning
Amelia Earhart.

I will appreciate your advising me of the results of the
investigation of this report.

Thanking you for this courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours,

Overton Brooks
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FROM: TOKYO

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 152, JULY 14, 5 PM

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FONOFF INFORMED US TODAY THAT PRELIMINARY SEARCH OF JAPANESE FILES HAS UNCOVERED NO INDICATIONS AMELIA EARHART WAS EXECUTED BY JAPANESE. CHECK WILL BE CONTINUED HOWEVER, AND GOJ HAS LOCATED EIGHT PERSONS WHO MIGHT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF CASE. THESE INCLUDE ADMIRAL HOSHINA AND FOUR FORMER STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNED WITH SAIPAN AREA; GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL NOW WORKING WITH FONOFF; MEMBER OF FORMER JAPANESE NAVAL LIAISON MISSION IN SAIPAN; AND CAPTAIN OF JAPANESE WARSHIP KOSHU WHICH SEARCHED FOR EARHART IN COLLABORATION WITH US NAVY IN 1937.

FURTHER FILE CHECK AND INTERVIEWS WITH EIGHT INDIVIDUALS (SEVERAL OF WHOM LIVING OUTSIDE TOKYO) WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TIME BUT FONOFF ASSURES US CASE WILL BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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House of Representatives
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Mr. William B. Macomber
Assistant Secretary of State
for Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Macomber:

In accordance with our telephone conversation
of today with your office, the enclosed corres-
pondence is submitted for your examination.

Your comments on the issues outlined in Mr.
Knudsen's letter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Minshall

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September 10, 1960

Dear Arleigh:

Pursuant to a recent telephone conversation between Capt. L.G. Findley of OP 09525 and the Office of Northeast Asian Affairs here in the Department of State, I would like to request the Navy's cooperation and assistance in meeting a request of Congressman J. Arthur Younger.

You will recall that there has been much recent publicity given to allegations by two Air Force officers, Captains Robert Dinger and Joseph Gervais, that Amelia Earhart was executed on Saipan Island by the Japanese in 1937. Their "evidence" was turned over to General O'Donnell at Headquarters, Pacific Air Force, last July, and was evaluated as completely inconclusive. Through our Ambassador at Tokyo, we requested an investigation of these charges by the Japanese Government. This was done and, after consulting all available records and interrogating several former officials who served on Saipan in 1937, the Japanese Government has informed us that there appears no basis whatever to the allegations. I am also informed that an independent investigation by the Saipan Administration proved to the satisfaction of those authorities that Miss Earhart was never on Saipan.

Congressman Younger, who had been informed by us of the results of the Japanese Government's investigation, and by other sources of General O'Donnell's appraisal of the Dinger and Gervais material, has now informed us that a Mr. Thomas E. Devine of 86 Isadore Street, West Haven, Connecticut, "saw the grave of Amelia Earhart" while serving on Saipan in 1944 and 1945 with the 244th Army Postal Squadron. I have enclosed a copy of

Admiral Arleigh A. Burke,
Chief of Naval Operations,
Department of the Navy.

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Congressman Younger's letter, and you will note that he requests the Mr. Devine be interviewed to obtain whatever information he may have in his possession. In discussing this over the telephone with your Saipan people, it was agreed that while the Department of State is the entity which would be interested in the Earhart affair as it affects relations with Japan, only the Saipan Administration would be in a position to evaluate specific data regarding Miss Earhart's having been on Saipan, whether alive or dead. Accordingly, I would like to request that the Department of the Navy investigate this matter. For background information, in addition to a copy of Congressman Younger's letter of August 20, 1960, I have enclosed copies of the following documents:

Department telegram No. 42 to Tokyo
Tokyo's telegram No. 152
Tokyo's telegram No. 445
Mr. Macomber's letter to Congressman Younger.

Sincerely yours,

J. G. P.
J. Graham Parsons

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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

12 Dec 1960

Dear Jeff:

In your personal letter to me of 10 September, you requested the Navy's cooperation and assistance in meeting a request of Congressman J. Arthur Younger in tracking down another lead in the Amelia Earhart case.

We have completed this investigation and, as in the past, this lead was not conducive to further information on her disappearance. A copy of our reply to Mr. Younger is attached for your information.

Warm regards, a happy holiday season and my optimistic hope that 1961 will bring good fortune and continued success to you in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

ARLEIGH BURKE

Honorable J. Graham Parsons
Assistant Secretary of State
for Far Eastern Affairs
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Arleigh:

Thank you for your letter of December 24, 1960, and for your assistance on the Barnhart matter. I hope that the investigation and the report of Commander Naval Forces Marianas will put an end to the speculation as to Miss Barnhart's ultimate fate which has received much wide currency since last Spring.

With very best wishes for a happy and fruitful 1961.

Sincerely yours,

J. Graham Parsons

Admiral Arleigh Burke,
Chief of Naval Operations,
Department of the Navy,

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Honorable J. William Fulbright
Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

We are entitled to information from the Department of State concerning the blanket denial from Japan in 1960, that any evidence was found showing that Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan were on Saipan in 1937.

What Japanese officials issued the denial ?

During the search in 1937, a brief, innocuous message was received by U.S. Naval craft, from Comdr. Hanjiro Takagi of the Japanese Navy. This was totally suppressed. Thirteen innocuous words. No more is mentioned at this time.

Thank you very much, Senator, for any elucidation you may elicit from the Department of State.

I have, at various times in the past, taken occasion to congratulate you on your able conduct of the Chairmanship. I feel the same now.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours truly

S. SUTTON

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December 8, 1961

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S. SUTTON
Amelia

The Honorable
 Frederick G. Dutton
 Assistant Secretary of State
 for Congressional Relations
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dutton:

There is enclosed a copy of a letter dated November 25, 1961, which Senator Fulbright received from Mr. S. Sutton, concerning his interest in obtaining information dealing with Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan.

It would be appreciated if the Department of State would write directly to Mr. Sutton regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Marcy
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested in Mr. Marcys letter of December 8 enclosing an enquiry from Mr. S. Sutton of St. Helena, California concerning Amelia Barnhart and Fred Noonan, the Department has replied directly to Mr. Sutton. A copy of the reply is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

F.G.B.
Frederick G. Burton

Enclosure:

As stated.

The Honorable
J. William Fulbright,
Chairman,
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December 20, 1961

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Senator Fulbright has referred to the Department of State your letter to him of November 25, 1961, asking that we reply directly to you.

The statement of the Japanese Government in 1960 that it was unable after exhaustive investigation to find any information to substantiate the allegation that Amelia Earhart was imprisoned or executed on Saipan Island was contained in an official Governmental report. As such, it did not bear the name of any particular Japanese official but was rather an official statement of the Japanese Government.

I regret that I am unable to supply any information concerning the message of Commander Hanjiro Takagi which you state was received by a U.S. Naval craft in 1937. I suggest that for information on this subject you write directly to the Department of the Navy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Mr. Carl Marcy

H. L. T. Koren
Director
Office of Northeast Asian Affairs

Mr. S. Sutton,
P.O. Box 369,
St. Helena, California.

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Amelia Earhart

I am sending along herewith:

1. A copy of Mr. Franklin's memorandum of February 5 to Frank Sieverts.
2. The copy of Admiral Burke's letter of December 24, 1960, to Assistant Secretary Parsons and the latter's reply of December 30, which I borrowed from you the other day.
3. The file copy of our 1963 correspondence with Frederick A. Goerner, which should eventually go back to RM/R.
4. The complete jacket for file 200.113 Earhart, Amelia (1960-1), which should likewise be sent on to RM/R.

The references to photographs in the Gann-Goerner article which I couldn't place my finger on when I was talking with you are as follows:

"--A former member of Army Intelligence from New York, who took 'a photograph from a Japanese officer during Saipan's 1944 invasion showing Earhart before Japanese aircraft.'

"--An ex-Marine from Virginia, who fought across Saipan's Red Beach One in 1944 and 'tore a snapshot of Amelia Earhart, shown with a Japanese officer, off the wall of a house the Japanese had occupied.'"

Attachments:

As stated.

cc: RM/R - Mr. Holmes

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