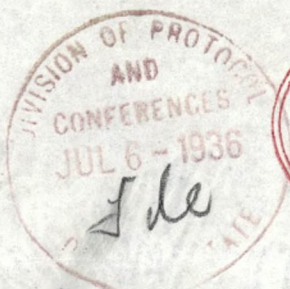


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1936



My dear Mr. Southgate:

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

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina Thompson Scheider

Malvina T. Scheider
Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

P.S. You really should have been with us at Mrs. Helen's in Grayville! We had a grand time - hog calling etc made a great contrast.

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

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June 29, 1936



My dear Mrs. Southgate:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

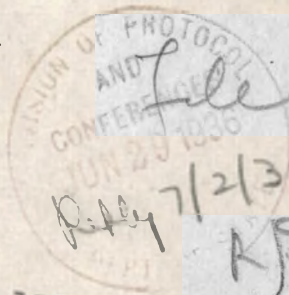
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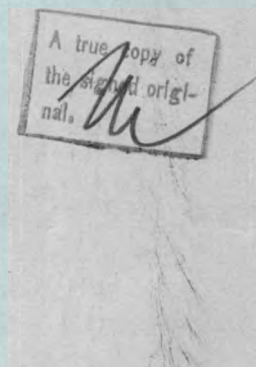
My dear Mrs Scheider:

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

Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief of Protocol.

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



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My dear Mr. Putnam:

Mr. Magee has referred to me your letter of August 14, 1936, concerning Mrs. Putnam's proposed world flight.

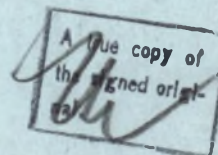
Your letter of July 27, 1936, was forwarded to Mr. Southgate who is on leave until September 1. Mr. Southgate called me on the telephone Saturday night and stated that he had just returned from a cruise and found your letter. He asked me to get in touch with you and to do everything I could to be of assistance.

I shall be glad to see you at any time that it will be convenient for you to call, or, if you prefer, you may write me concerning your plans and I shall be very happy to do everything I can to assist you.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Holmes,
Acting Chief,
Division of Protocol and Conferences.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.



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GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM



2 West 45th Street,
New York City.
August 19, 1936.

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Thank you so much for your cordial letter of August 18th. This morning's mail also brings me a note from Mr. Southgate. I am sorry that our small matter was inflicted upon him during vacation time.

I have suggested to Mr. Southgate that inasmuch as I am obliged to go to the Pacific coast shortly for a brief visit it probably will be well to leave the matter in abeyance until my return in September. At that time I will communicate with you or Mr. Southgate looking towards an appointment at your convenience. I am sure it will be ample time then to get the wheels moving as we would have them.

Sincerely,

J. C. Holmes, Esq.,
Division of Protocol & Conferences,
Department of State,
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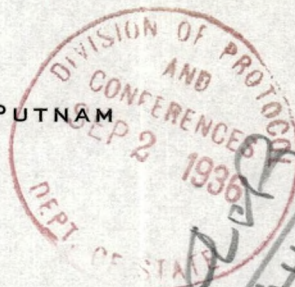
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2 West 45th Street,
New York City.
July 27, 1936.

Hon. Richard Southgate,
Chief of the Division of
Protocol and Conferences,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Southgate:

Some little while ago I was advised from the White House that I could take up with you the matter of securing the necessary permissions, etc., in connection with the proposed world flight (which is, for the moment, entirely confidential) of my wife Amelia Earhart. Unfortunately immediately thereafter I was called to the west coast and have only now returned.

It happens that I expect to be in Washington this coming Friday, July 31st. This letter is to inquire if it will be convenient for you to see me some time during that day. I will much appreciate the opportunity to go over the situation in a preliminary way with you.

Very truly yours,

George Palmer Putnam

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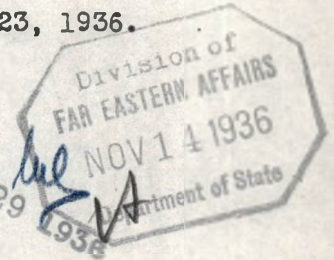
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

October 23, 1936.



The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

There is enclosed a copy of a letter, dated October 15, 1936, from Mr. G. P. Putnam, 2 West Forty-fifth Street, New York City, concerning the proposed world flight of Miss Amelia Earhart.

The aircraft to be used on the flight, Lockheed, model Electra 10-E, serial number 1055, restricted license NR-16020, is recorded as owned by Miss Amelia Earhart, 50 West Forty-fifth Street, New York City. It will be flown by Miss Amelia Earhart, who holds transport pilot's license No. 5716. The navigator, Mr. Harry Manning, 362 Riverside Drive, New York City, holds private pilot's license No. 17063.

Since the subject aircraft is considered satisfactory for the purpose of the flight and the pilot is considered competent, this Department perceives no objection to the flight. It is, therefore, requested that the State Department secure the necessary permission.

Cordially yours,

John Johnson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

October 15, 1936.

Bureau of Air Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Confidentially, this letter is in connection with the proposed world flight of Amelia Earhart, requesting the cooperation of the Department of State in securing the permissions, etc., which may be required for such flight. As I understand it, the application will be acted upon by the State Department when forwarded to it with your approval.

Complying with the memorandum of procedure handed me by the Department of State, the data in connection with this proposed flight is as follows:

1. Amelia Earhart, transport pilot, license # 5716.
2. Navigator, Harry Manning.
3. Lockheed Electra.
4. Two WWasps S3H1.
5. License #NR-16020.
6. Approximate itinerary: San Francisco-Honolulu; Honolulu-Manilla; Manilla-Allahabad (alternate route Honolulu-Tokio, Tokio-Hong Kong, Hanoy, Rangoon, Allahabad); Allahabad-Karachi; Karachi-Aden; Aden-Kosti or Karthoum; Kosti or Karthoum via Naimy to Dakar; Dakar-Natal; Natal-New York via the regular Pan American route.

The date must for some little while remain tentative but probably it will be late February or March 1937.

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7. There will be no firearms or motion picture cameras. Two small hand cameras probably will be carried. The regular two-way radio communications equipment, for both voice and code, similar to that in use on United States commercial transport planes, will be carried.
8. The primary purpose of the flight is a thorough field test of this two motor plane with its various items of modern scientific equipment. Miss Earhart, the pilot, is sole owner of the plane. The flight has no commercial sponsorship. It is part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart with this plane under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

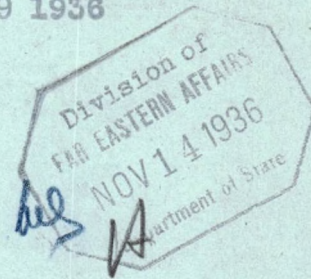
If any further information is desired, please call upon me and it will be forwarded promptly.

I request, on behalf of Miss Earhart, that the above information be transmitted to the State Department, with such recommendation on your part as the facts justify.

Sincerely
(Signed) G. P. Putnam.

October 29 1936

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My dear Mr. Putnam:

The Department of Commerce has forwarded to this Department a copy of your letter of October 15, 1936, concerning Miss Earhart's proposed world flight.

I would appreciate your giving me the following additional information: the number of Miss Earhart's radio operator's license; the call letters of the radio; and the horsepower of the motors.

With reference to the itinerary I should like to know the countries to be flown over on the route from Manila to Allahabad and on the alternate route via Tokyo and Hongkong. I would like similar information concerning the route from Aden to Kosti or Karthoum. On this portion of the route it would be highly desirable if Ethiopia could be avoided. I should also like to know

Mr. George P. Putnam,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, New York.

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know which of the several Pan American Airways routes from Brazil to Miami will be followed.

If any of the above information is not available at this time I would appreciate your sending it to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Richard Southgate,
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences.

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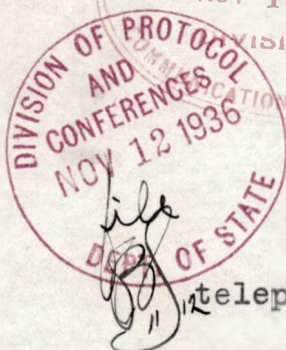
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November 11, 1936.

I spoke with Mr. George Palmer Putnam over the telephone this afternoon concerning Amelia Earhart's proposed around-the-world flight. Mr. Putnam stated that Miss Earhart would follow the route from Midway to Allahabad via Tokyo, ^{Japan, and other countries} ~~et cetera~~, provided the necessary arrangements could be made for refueling at Midway. If this cannot be done, she will follow a route via Australia, but Mr. Putnam suggested that no arrangements be made for the alternate route at this time.

In addition to permissions for landings at places already requested, it is desired that arrangements be made for landings at Nanking, Shanghai, Hanoi and Georgetown, British Guiana. No landings will be made in Haiti or the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Putnam said that the route from Khartoum to Dakar is now being surveyed and that it is not yet known what landings will be made between those two places. He added that arrangements would be made with the Standard Oil Company for deposits of fuel along this part of the route.

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I informed Mr. Putnam that it would be necessary to apply to a Cuban consular office or the Cuban Embassy for permission to land at Habana.

I suggested that it would be advisable to designate a representative in Japan to arrange all necessary details for the flight over that country. Mr. Putnam said that he would arrange to do this at once.

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Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight which she proposes to make around the world about the end of February 1937. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From Midway Island to Japan, landing at Tokyo; to China, landing at Nanking and Shanghai; to Hong Kong en route to French Indochina.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

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The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued, but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. This should be explained in requesting permission from the Government of China.

Miss Earhart has specifically requested that no publicity be given to the plans for her flight.

Repeat mutatis mutandis, by mail to Tokyo.

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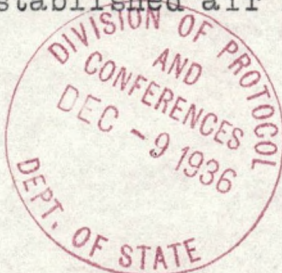
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Mr. Putnam called this morning with reference to Miss Earhart's flight and stated that it had now been decided to change the route from the Hawaiian Islands to Allahabad, India as follows: Hawaiian Islands - Howland Island - Brisbane, Australia - Port Darwin, Australia (alternate route: Howland Island - Port Moresby or ~~Lee~~ ^{Lae}, New Guinea - Port Darwin, Australia), thence via established air routes to Allahabad.



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Department's No. 72, November 18th, 1 p.m.

Flight has been rerouted omitting China and Japan
and permission for those countries will not now be
needed. Repeat by mail to AmEmbassy, Tokyo.

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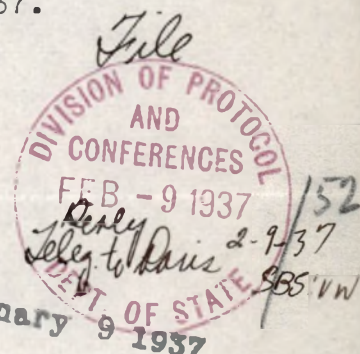
February 5, 1937.

Richard Southgate, Esq.,
Division of Protocol & Conferences,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Southgate:

Reference PC 800.7961

Putnam Amelia Earhart



This answers your letter of January 25th asking for further data in connection with Miss Earhart's plane, as requested by the French Foreign office.

The plane is a Lockheed Electra, all metal, retractable landing gear, constant speed propellers. It is equipped with two Wasp Senior engines, developing 550 horse power each. (The normal power plants of the Electras are Wasp Juniors so this ship is provided with extra power.)

The designed gross load is 10,500 lbs.

The maximum gross load including extra fuel tanks, (all filled), equipment, crew, etc., will be 15,500#.

The percentage of overload attributed to fuel is 48%.

However, at no time on the present proposed flight is it contemplated to carry a gross load in excess of 13,500, as even on the longest leg on the Pacific it will not be necessary to fill the tanks.

The maximum gross load which will be used on any portion of the proposed flight west of Darwin will be about 12,500 lbs., a technical "overload" of about 21%.

The fuel consumption on normal cruising per hour by weight is 310 lbs.

Test take-offs with loads such as will be carried, as above, have been made. In fact several long flights, including trans-continental, have been made with considerably more than the estimated gasoline load required on any portion of the proposed flight over French territory.

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All features of the ship have been carefully stressed. It has the NR license of the Department of Commerce and full official approval for the proposed flight.

For your general information, the ship actually is capable of carrying 1250 gallons. At no time on the proposed flight, west of Australia, should the total fuel load exceed 900 gallons.

The ship has flaps insuring a minimum landing speed. It is equipped with all modern safety devices, including two-way radio telephone and telegraph system (with an extra in case of emergency), radio homing device, automatic pilot, thorough-going instrument equipment, including emergency duplication of altimeter, compass, etc.

Very truly yours,

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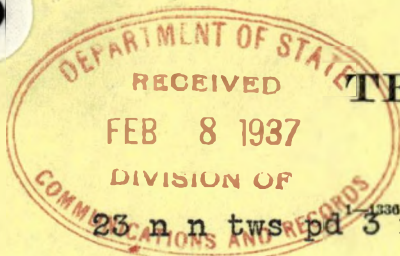
The Federal Communications
Commission states that Miss
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power of 50 watts and transmits
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Joseph Green Chief Arms & Mun. Control.

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Will reimburse for charges.

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AUGUST 18 1936

2 West 45th Street,
New York City.
August 14, 1936.

Dear Mr. Magee:

Replying to a letter I addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt under date of June 18th, you kindly wrote me on June 19th suggesting that I get in touch with Mr. Richard Southgate, Chief of the Division of Protocol and Conferences, State Department.

On July 27th I wrote Mr. Southgate, as per copy of letter attached hereto. Having received no reply I fear that perhaps there has been a slip somewhere.

At the risk of being a nuisance I venture this note to ask what I should do next. There is, of course, no hurry at all but some time in the reasonably near future I would much appreciate the opportunity to get the wheels started. I will be grateful for your instructions.

Sincerely,

G. P. Putnam

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

*Mr. Magee called
& left this letter
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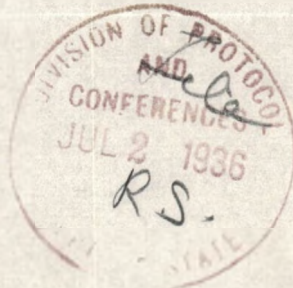
My dear Mr. Southgate:

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

Very sincerely yours,

Ralph W. Taft

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



2 West 45th Street,
New York City
July 27, 1936

Hon. Richard Southgate,
Chief of the Division of
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My dear Mr. Southgate:

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It happens that I expect to be in Washington this coming Friday, July 31st. This letter is to inquire if it will be convenient for you to see me some time during that day. I will much appreciate the opportunity to go over the situation in a preliminary way with you.

Very truly yours,

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GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

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

My dear Mr. Magee:

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

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

Please accept my thanks for your kindly cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ G.P.Putnam

Ralph W. Magee, Esq.,
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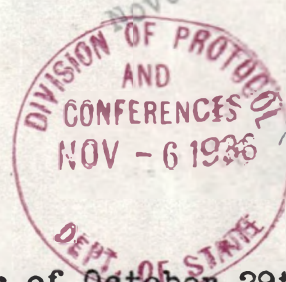


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Hon. Richard Southgate
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Southgate:

This is in reply to your letter of October 29th, concern-
ing Miss Earhart's proposed flight.

Below I answer your questions:

Miss Earhart's radio operator's license is "Radiotelephone
Third P-11-17."

The call letters are KHAQQ.

The horse power of the motors 550 each. The following
countries will be flown over on the routes designated:

From Manila, Philippine Islands, to Allahabad, India

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From Tokyo, Japan to Allahabad, India

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From Aden, in Aden, to Khartoum to Kosti in Anglo-
Egyptian Sudan

North over Yemen
West over Eritrea
into Anglo-Egyptian Sudan

The route from Brazil to Miami will, approximately, be
via Port of Spain, Porto Rico and Havana.

If there is any further information needed, please let
me know. And thanks for your friendly cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. P. Putnam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

November 18 1933

AIR MAIL

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The Honorable

George A. Gordon,
American Minister,
Port-au-Prince,

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight which she proposes to make around the world about the end of February 1937. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - Flying over Haiti without landing en route from Puerto Rico to Cuba.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will

exceed

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exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. Since a certificate of airworthiness is required by Article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation, special permission for this flight must be requested from the Government of Haiti.

Miss Earhart has specifically requested that no publicity be given to the plans for her flight.

Very truly yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

FRANCIS B. SAYRE

*Charge included in
cost slip attached
to enclosure 74.*



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AIR MAIL

No. 603

Robert M. Scotten, Esquire,

American Charge d'Affaires ad interim,

Rio de Janeiro.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight which she proposes to make around the world about the end of February 1937. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

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Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From Senegal to Brazil, landing at Natal en route to French Guiana.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accord-

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November 18 1936

No. 120

The Honorable

Meredith Nicholson,
American Minister,
Caracas.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight which she proposes to make around the world about the end of February 1937. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - Flying over Venezuela without landing en route from British Guiana to Trinidad.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

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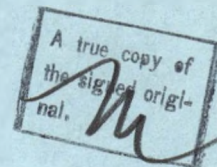
it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued, but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. This should be explained in requesting permission from the Government of Venezuela.

Miss Earhart has specifically requested that no publicity be given to the plans for her flight.

Very truly yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

FRANCIS B. SAYRE



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November 18 1936

No. 40

The Honorable

William C. Bullitt,
American Ambassador,
Paris.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight which she proposes to make around the world about the end of February 1937. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

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Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - See enclosure.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

You

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You are requested to obtain the necessary permissions from the countries on the route from Hong Kong to Dakar, Senegal, inclusive. In addition you should obtain permission for British, French and Netherland Guiana and the British and French West Indies.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly, a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. Since the terms of the air navigation agreements require certificates of airworthiness, special permission must also be requested from the countries with which such agreements have been concluded. The foregoing should be explained in requesting permissions from all countries.

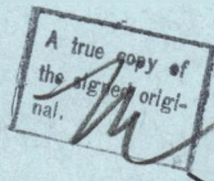
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Very truly yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

FRANCIS B. SAYRE

Enclosure:
Itinerary.



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November 18 1936

No. 483

Franklin B. Atwood, Esquire,
American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim,
Ciudad Trujillo.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight which she proposes to make around the world about the end of February 1937. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

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Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - Flying over Dominican Republic without landing.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will

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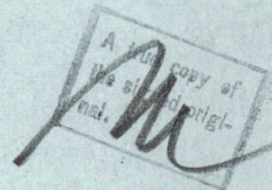
exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. Since a certificate of airworthiness is required by Article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation, special permission for this flight must be requested from the Government of the Dominican Republic.

Miss Earhart has specifically requested that no publicity be given to the plans for her flight.

Very truly yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

FRANCIS B. SAYRE



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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Ciudad Trujillo, Santo Domingo, D. R.,
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No. 3634.

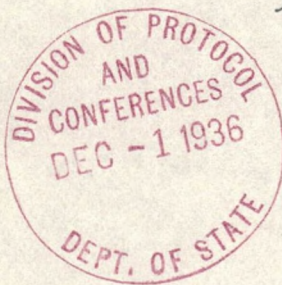
Subject: Flight Over Dominican Territory of an
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to the Department's airmail instruction
No. 483 of November 18, 1936 (File No. 800.79611 Putnam,
Amelia Earhart/11), concerning the proposed flight around
the world to be made by Miss Amelia Earhart about the end
of February 1937, and directing me to request the special
permission of the Dominican Government for her flight
over Dominican territory, I have the honor to transmit
1/ herewith, for the Department's information, a copy of a
note I addressed today to the Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs in the sense of the Department's instruc-
tion.

Respectfully yours,

Franklin B. Atwood
Franklin B. Atwood,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

Enclosure:
One, as stated.

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Enclosure to despatch No. 3634 of November 23, 1936, from
American Legation, Ciudad Trujillo, D. R.

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Ciudad Trujillo, Santo Domingo, D. R.,
November 23, 1936.

No. 264.

Mr. Secretary:

In pursuance of instructions received today from my Government, I have the honor to request the special permission of Your Excellency's Government for an airplane piloted by Miss Amelia Earhart to fly over Dominican territory on her proposed flight around the world about the end of February, 1937.

The pertinent information concerning the intended flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - Flying over Dominican Republic without landing.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

Miss

His Excellency

Sr. Don Ernesto Bonetti Burgos,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
Ciudad Trujillo, Santo Domingo, D. R.

Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight.

Inasmuch as a certificate of airworthiness is required by Article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation, my Government has instructed me to request the special permission of Your Excellency's Government for this flight over Dominican territory.

My Government instructs me to invite the attention of Your Excellency's Government to the fact that Miss Earhart has specifically requested that no publicity be given to the plans for her flight.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

(signed)

Franklin B. Atwood,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.



LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Port-au-Prince, November 30, 1936.

No. 353

Subject: Miss Amelia Earhart, flight over Haitian territory.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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I have the honor to refer to the Department's air mail instruction No. 432 of November 18, 1936, instructing the Legation to request special permission from the Haitian Government for a flight over Haitian territory which Miss Amelia Earhart intends to make as a part of a flight around the world about the end of February 1937.

The Legation has communicated with the Foreign Office under date of November 23, 1936, giving the necessary details concerning the flight and requesting special permission for the flight, in view of the fact that a certificate of airworthiness as required by Article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation could not be

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issued for Miss Earhart's plane. At the same time the Legation requested that no publicity be given to the plans for the proposed flight.

The Foreign Office replied by Note Verbale dated November 26, 1936, stating that the necessary advices had been given to the Ministry of the Interior and that the Foreign Office had taken note of the Legation's request that no publicity be given to this flight.

Respectfully yours,

George A. Gordon.
GEORGE A. GORDON

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Department's instruction No. 40, November 18th.

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Howland Island to British New Guinea or Brisbane, Australia
to Port Darwin, Australia, thence to Allahabad via established
air routes (Netherland Indies, British Malaya, Siam,
India).

Request permissions from Great Britain and the
Netherlands. Department is requesting Siamese permission.

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24 Request permission for flight over Siam and landing
if necessary following established air route from Australia
to India en route around the world:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's
license 5716. / Third class radio operators
license P-11-17. /

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license
17063. /

Plane - Lockheed Electra. /

U. S. Registration No. / NR-16020. /

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower
each. /

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and
code. Two small hand cameras. / No firearms. /

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight,
it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks.
With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will
exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross
weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly
a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued, but the
Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane

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to be satisfactory for the purpose of this flight. This
should be explained in requesting permission from the
Government of Siam. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of
the plane.

Miss Earhart has specifically requested that no
publicity be given to the plans for her flight.

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Please have a copy
and one carbon made
of this despatch and
the English translation
of the enclosure.

W. L. G.



LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Ciudad Trujillo, Santo Domingo, D. R.,
December 8, 1936.

No. 3664.

Subject: Flight Over Dominican Territory of Air-
plane Piloted by Miss Amelia Earhart.

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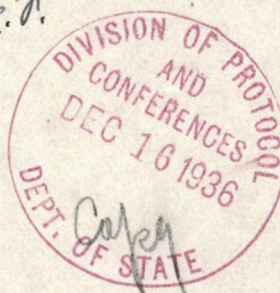
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

Referring to my despatch No. 3634 of November 23, 1936, concerning the special permission requested of the Dominican Government for the flight over Dominican territory of an airplane piloted by Miss Amelia Earhart on her proposed flight around the world, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the Department's information, copy and translation of note No. 986 of December 7, 1936, received today from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs stating that special permission for Miss Earhart's flight over Dominican territory has been granted by the Dominican Government.

Respectfully yours,

Franklin B. Atwood
Franklin B. Atwood,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

Enclosures:

Two, as above stated.

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 3664 of December 8, 1936,
from American Legation, Ciudad Trujillo.

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República Dominicana.
Secretaría de Estado
de Relaciones Exteriores.

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Ciudad Trujillo, Diciembre 7 de 1936.

Señor Encargado de Negocios:

Me complazco en acusar recibo de la atenta Nota No.264 de fecha 23 de Noviembre próximo pasado, por medio de la cual Vuestra Señoría solicita un permiso especial del Gobierno Dominicano, para que la Señorita Amelia Earhart pueda volar sobre territorio dominicano, sin aterrizaje, en su avión Lockheed Electra, No. NR-16020, hacia fines de Febrero de 1937, en su proyectado vuelo alrededor del mundo.

Expone Vuestra Señoría en la nota citada que el motivo principal del vuelo de la Señorita Earhart es poner a prueba el avión y su equipo como parte del programa de actividades aeronáuticas llevadas a cabo por ella bajo los auspicios de la Universidad de Purdue, como así mismo la solicitud de la Señorita Earhart de que no sean dados a la publicidad los planes de su vuelo, de todo lo cual ha tomado la debida nota esta Secretaría de Estado.

Tengo el honor de informar a Vuestra Señoría que, con la aprobación del Excelentísimo Señor Presidente de la República, se concede el permiso solicitado en relación con el vuelo del avión conducido por la Señorita Amelia Earhart.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad.....etc.

(firmado)

E. Bonetti Burgos.

Su Señoría
Franklin B. Atwood,
Encargado de Negocios a.i.
de los Estados Unidos de América.
SU LEGACION.

Enclosure No. 2 to despatch No. 3664 of December 8, 1936,
from American Legation, Ciudad Trujillo.

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Dominican Republic.
Department of State
for Foreign Affairs.

Ciudad Trujillo, December 7, 1926.

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Mr. Chargé d'Affaires:

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous note No. 264 of November 23 last, by means of which you request special permission of the Dominican Government in order that Miss Amelia Earhart may fly over Dominican territory, without landing, in her Lockheed Electra airplane No. NR-16020, towards the end of February 1937, on her proposed flight around the world.

You state in the mentioned note that the principal purpose of Miss Earhart's flight is to make a test of the plane and its equipment as part of the program of aeronautical activities carried out by her under the auspices of Purdue University, as well as Miss Earhart's request that no publicity be given to the plans for her flight, of all of which this Department of State has taken due note.

I have the honor to inform you that, with the approval of His Excellency the President of the Republic, there is hereby conceded the permission requested in relation to the flight of the plane piloted by Miss Amelia Earhart.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to you the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

(signed) E. Bonetti Burgos.

Mr. Franklin B. Atwood,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim,
of the United States of America.
His Legation.

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Ciudad Trujillo, Santo Domingo, D. R.,

December 8, 1936.

No. 3634.

Subject: Flight over Dominican Territory of Air-
plane Piloted by Miss Amelia Earhart.

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Avian 800.79611 Postmark Amelia Earhart/25

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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Referring to my despatch No. 3634 of November 23, 1936, concerning the special permission requested of the Dominican Government for the flight over Dominican territory of an airplane piloted by Miss Amelia Earhart on her proposed flight around the world, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the Department's information, copy and translation of note No. 936 of December 7, 1936, received today from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs stating that special permission for Miss Earhart's flight over Dominican territory has been granted by the Dominican Government.

Respectfully yours,

Franklin B. Atwood,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

Enclosures:

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A true copy of
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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 3664 of December 8, 1936,
from American Legation, Ciudad Trujillo.

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República Dominicana.
Secretaría de Estado
de Relaciones Exteriores.

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Ciudad Trujillo, Diciembre 7 de 1936.

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Aprovecho esta oportunidad.....etc.

(firmado)

E. Bonetti Burgos.

Su Señoría
Franklin B. Atwood,
Encargado de Negocios a.i.
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SU LEGACION.

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from American Legation, Ciudad Trujillo.

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Department of State
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Ciudad Trujillo, December 7, 1936.

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Mr. Franklin B. Atwood,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim,
of the United States of America.
His Legation.

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from American Legation, Ciudad Trujillo.

República Dominicana.
Secretaría de Estado
de Relaciones Exteriores.

986. Ciudad Trujillo, Diciembre 7 de 1936

Señor Encargado de Negocios:

Me complazco en acusar recibo de la atenta Nota No. 264 de fecha 23 de Noviembre próximo pasado, por medio de la cual Vuestra Señoría solicita un permiso especial del Gobierno Dominicano, para que la Señorita Amelia Earhart pueda volar sobre territorio dominicano, sin aterrizaje, en su avión Lockheed Electra, No. NR-16020, hacia fines de Febrero de 1937, en su proyectado vuelo alrededor del mundo.

Expone Vuestra Señoría en la nota citada que el motivo principal del vuelo de la Señorita Earhart es poner a prueba el avión y su equipo como parte del programa de actividades aeronáuticas llevadas a cabo por ella bajo los auspicios de la Universidad de Purdue, como así mismo la solicitud de la Señorita Earhart de que no sean dados a la publicidad los planes de su vuelo, de todo lo cual ha tomado la debida nota esta Secretaría de Estado.

Tengo el honor de informar a Vuestra Señoría que, con la aprobación del Excelentísimo Señor Presidente de la República, se concede el permiso solicitado en relación con el vuelo del avión conducido por la Señorita Amelia Earhart.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad.....etc.

(firmado)

E. Bonetti Burgos.

Su Señoría
Franklin B. Atwood,
Encargado de Negocios a.i.
de los Estados Unidos de América.
SU LEGACION.

Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 3664 of December 8, 1936,
from American Legation, Ciudad Trujillo.

República Dominicana.
Secretaría de Estado
de Relaciones Exteriores.

986. Ciudad Trujillo, Diciembre 7 de 1936

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Ciudad Trujillo, Santo Domingo, D. R.,
December 8, 1936.

No. 3664.

Subject: Flight Over Dominican Territory of Air-
plane Piloted by Miss Amelia Earhart.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to my despatch No. 3634 of November 23, 1936, concerning the special permission requested of the Dominican Government for the flight over Dominican territory of an airplane piloted by Miss Amelia Earhart on her proposed flight around the world, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the Department's information, copy and translation of note no. 986 of December 7, 1936, received today from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs stating that special permission for Miss Earhart's flight over Dominican territory has been granted by the Dominican Government.

Respectfully yours,

FRANKLIN B. ATWOOD,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

Enclosures:

Two, as above stated.

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Enclosure No. 2 to despatch No. 3664 of December 8, 1936,
from American Legation, Ciudad Trujillo.

Translation - FBA/vmm

Dominican Republic.
Department of State
for Foreign Affairs. Ciudad Trujillo, December 7, 1926.

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You state in the mentioned note that the principal purpose of Miss Earhart's flight is to make a test of the plane and its equipment as part of the program of aeronautical activities carried out by her under the auspices of Purdue University, as well as Miss Earhart's request that no publicity be given to the plans for her flight, of all of which this Department of State has taken due note.

I have the honor to inform you that, with the approval of His Excellency the President of the Republic, there is hereby conceded the permission requested in relation to the flight of the plane piloted by Miss Amelia Earhart.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to you the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

(signed) E. BONETTI BURGOS.

Mr. Franklin B. Atwood,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim,
of the United States of America.
His Legation.

LEGATION OF THE
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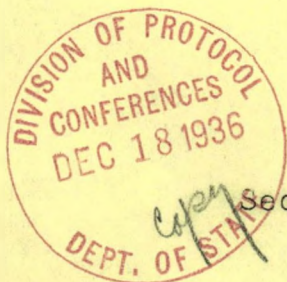
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Bangkok

Dated December 18, 1936

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

18, December 18, 3 p. m.

Department's 24, December 8, 2 p. m. *124*

Permission granted. Cameras must be sealed. Royal
Aeronautical Service at Donmuang airport should be
notified at least two days before date of intended
arrival in Siam. 11.15

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CHAPMAN

800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart

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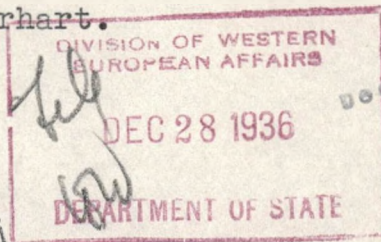


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Paris, December 8, 1936

No. 174

Subject: Proposed flight around the world of
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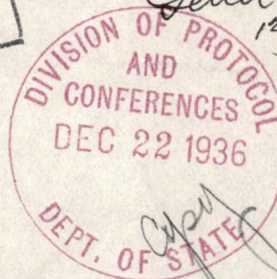
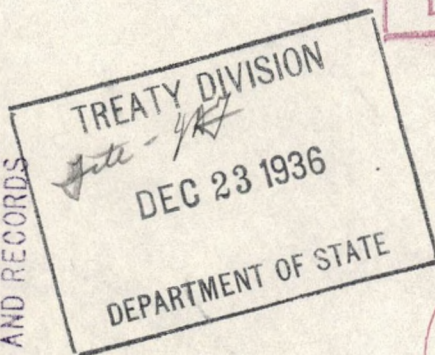


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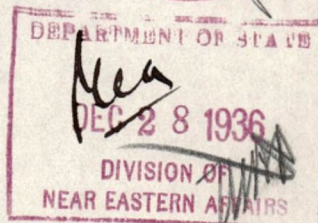
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Letter to Mr. Putnam
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.



Sir:

I have the honor to refer to instruction No. 40 of November 18, 1936 (800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/11), directing the Embassy to endeavor to obtain permissions for Miss Amelia Earhart to fly over certain countries lying on the route of her proposed flight around the world about the end of February 1937.

It will be observed that French Equatorial Africa is not mentioned in the itinerary furnished with the instruction under reference. As it appears that this country lies across the route chosen by Miss Earhart, the Embassy, at the suggestion of the Foreign Office,

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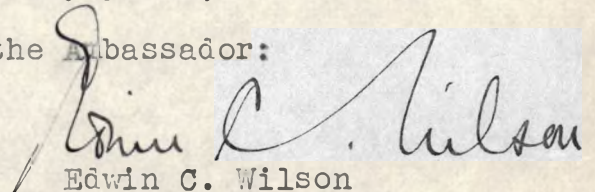
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has requested that it be included in the permission.

The Foreign Office has expressed a desire that it be informed as soon as possible of the places in French Equatorial Africa and French West Africa at which Miss Earhart intends to land. It is requested therefore that the desired information may be furnished the Embassy, for transmission to the Foreign Office, as promptly as practicable after Miss Earhart has reached a decision in this regard.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:


Edwin C. Wilson
Counselor of Embassy.

In triplicate.

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RE: ELE

December 23 1936

In reply refer to
PC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/27

My dear Mr. Putnam:

A despatch has been received from the Embassy in Paris stating that when permission was requested for Miss Earhart's flight over French West Africa and French Equatorial Africa, the French Foreign Office expressed a desire to be informed as soon as possible of the places where landings are to be made along that portion of the route.

Apparently this information is required before permission can be granted. Accordingly, in order to avoid the possibility of delay, I would suggest that you furnish me with the desired information for transmission to the French Foreign Office as soon as Miss Earhart's plans in this regard are perfected.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

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J. C. Holmes,
Acting Chief,

Division of Protocol and Conferences.

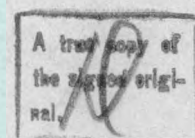
Mr. George Palmer Putnam,

2 West Forty-fifth Street,

New York, New York.

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No. 547

Caracas, December 21, 1936.

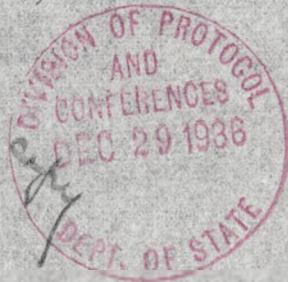
Subject: Permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to
Fly Over Venezuela, Without Landing.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

With reference to the Department's instruction
No. 120 of November 18, 1936, (file No. 800.79611
Putnam, Amelia Earhart/11), instructing the Legation
to request permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to fly
over Venezuela, without landing, in connection with
a flight which she proposes to make around the world
about the end of February 1937, I have the honor to
enclose herewith a copy and translation of a note,
dated December 18, 1936, from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs

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Affairs granting the necessary permission.

Respectfully yours,

Henry S. Villard

Henry S. Villard
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Note No. 1802 of
December 18, 1936 from the
Minister for Foreign Affairs.
2. Translation of Enclosure No. 1

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Enclosure No. 1
Despatch No. 547
Dated: Dec. 21, 1936
American Legation,
Caracas, Venezuela.

ESTADOS UNIDOS DE VENEZUELA
MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES
OFICINA DE RELACIONES INTERAMERICANAS

No. 1802

Caracas, 18 de diciembre de 1936.

Señor Encargado de Negocios:

Con relación a la atenta nota de V. S. No. 158, fechada el 2 de los corrientes, acerca de una solicitud de permiso para que la Señorita Amelia Earhart pueda volar sobre territorio venezolano, sin aterrizar, me es grato transcribir a V. S. la comunicación No. 7.116, que con fecha 15 del actual dirige a la Cancillería el Señor Ministro de Guerra y Marina:

"Tengo a honra avisar a Ud. recibo de su oficio No. 1.707, Oficina de Relaciones Interamericanas, fecha 7 del presente mes, y anexa copia de la nota número 58, que con fecha 2 del presente mes, dirigió a la Cancillería a su digno cargo el Representante Diplomático de los Estados Unidos de América solicitando permiso para que la señorita Amelia Earhart efectúe un vuelo sobre territorio venezolano, sin aterrizar, y en contestación signifíco a Ud., en cumplimiento de instrucciones del ciudadano General Presidente de la República, que el Supremo Magistrado ha tenido a bien conceder el permiso en referencia."

Válgome de la oportunidad para reiterar a V.S. las seguridades de mi consideración distinguida.

E. GIL BORGES

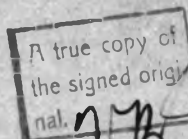
Al Honorable Señor

Henry S. Villard

Encargado de Negocios ad-interim de los
Estados Unidos de América.

Presente

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TRANSLATION

Enclosure No. 2
Despatch No. 547
Dated: Dec. 21, 1936.
American Legation,
Caracas, Venezuela.

UNITED STATES OF VENEZUELA
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS

No. 1802

Caracas, December 18, 1936.

Mr. Chargé d'Affaires:

With reference to the courteous note of Your Honor No. 158, dated the 2nd instant, concerning a request for permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to fly over Venezuelan territory, without landing, I am pleased to transcribe to you communication No. 7,116, which under date of the 15th instant the Minister of War and Marine addressed to the Chancery:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1707, Office of Inter-American Relations, dated the 7th of the present month, and the enclosed copy of note No. 158 which under date of the 2nd instant the Diplomatic Representative of the United States of America addressed to the Chancery under your worthy charge requesting permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to make a flight over Venezuelan territory, without landing, and in reply I inform you in compliance with instructions from the citizen General President of the Republic, that the Supreme Magistrate has been good enough to grant the permission in reference."

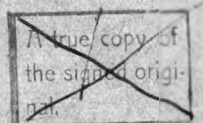
I avail myself of the opportunity to reiterate to Your Honor the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

E. GIL BORGES

To the Honorable

Mr. Henry S. Villard,

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of
the United States of America,
Present.





No. 553

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
RECEIVED
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

1937 JAN 4 PM 2, December 28, 1936.

Subject: Permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to
Fly Over Venezuela, Without Landing.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

With reference to my despatch No. 547 of December 21, 1936, concerning permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to fly over Venezuela, without landing, in connection with a flight which she proposes to make around the world about the end of February 1937, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy and translation of a note, dated December 22, 1936, from the Foreign Office in which the Government of Venezuela request to be informed opportunely of the route Miss Earhart will take in passing over Venezuela and the exact date of the flight

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flight.

Respectfully yours,

Henry S. Villard

Henry S. Villard
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Enclosures:

1. Copy of note from the Foreign Office, dated December 22, 1936.
2. Translation of Enclosure No. 1.

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Enclosure No. 1
Despatch No. 553
Dated: Dec. 28, 1936.
American Legation,
Caracas, Venezuela.

ESTADOS UNIDOS DE VENEZUELA
MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES
OFICINA DE RELACIONES INTERAMERICANAS

No. 1849

Caracas, 22 de diciembre de 1936.

Señor Encargado de Negocios:

Con relación a la atenta nota de V. S., No. 158, fechada el 2 de los corrientes, acerca del permiso solicitado para que la ciudadana americana Amelia Earhart pueda efectuar un vuelo sin aterrizaje sobre Venezuela, cúpleme llevar a conocimiento de V. S. que el Ministerio de Comunicaciones se ha dirigido a este Departamento participando que ese Despacho espera, para mayor seguridad de la aeronave, que la Cancillería se sirva participarle oportunamente la ruta que habrá de seguir dicha aviadora a su paso por Venezuela y la fecha precisa del vuelo, con el fin de hacerlo del conocimiento de los Despachos del Ejecutivo a los cuales compete.

Me valgo de la presente oportunidad para reiterar a V. S. las seguridades de mi alta consideración.

E. GIL BORGES

Al Honorable Señor Henry S. Villard
Encargado de Negocios a. i. de los
Estados Unidos de América.

Presente.

A true copy of
the signed original.
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Enclosure No. 2
Despatch No. 553
Dated: Dec. 28, 1936.
American Legation,
Caracas, Venezuela.

UNITED STATES OF VENEZUELA
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

No. 1849

Caracas, December 22, 1936.

Mr. Chargé d'Affaires:

With reference to Your Honor's courteous note, No. 158, dated the 2nd instant, concerning permission requested for the American citizen Amelia Earhart to effect a flight without landing over Venezuela, I am pleased to inform Your Honor that the Ministry of Communications has addressed this Department stating that that Office hopes, for the greater security of the airplane, that the Chancery will be good enough to inform it opportunely of the route which said aviatrix will follow in passing over Venezuela and the exact date of the flight, to the end of bringing it to the knowledge of the Offices of the Executive to which it pertains.

I avail myself of the present opportunity to reiterate to Your Honor the assurances of my high consideration.

E. GIL BORGES

To the Honorable
Mr. Henry S. Villard,
Chargé d'Affaires a. i. of
the United States of America.

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Mr. J. C. Holmes, Acting Chief
Division of Protocol and Conferences
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

In re: Your PC 800.79611 Putnam,
Amelia Earhart/27

My dear Mr. Holmes:

This acknowledges your letter of December 23rd requesting, for the French Foreign Office, the names of places where landings are contemplated in Africa.

I am attempting to secure this information by cable and will communicate with you as promptly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

G. P. Putnam

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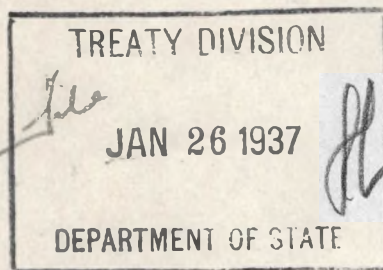


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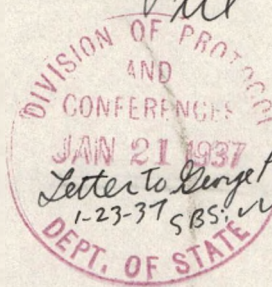
No. 251

Paris, January 7, 1937.

Subject: Proposed flight of Miss Amelia
Earhart around the world.



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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to instruction No. 40 of November 18, 1936 (800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/11),⁺¹⁷ directing the Embassy to endeavor to obtain permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to fly over certain countries lying on the route of her proposed flight around the world about the end of February, 1937.

In a note which the Embassy to-day received from the French Foreign Office, the latter refers
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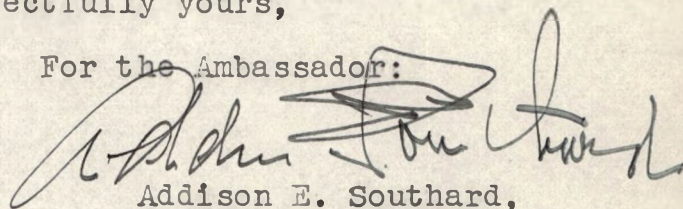
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to the information contained in the first three sentences of the penultimate paragraph of the aforementioned instruction, and requests to be furnished with more exact information as to the weight of Miss Earhart's plane in excess of the gross weight allowed for normal commercial planes of the type to be used by her.

The occasion is availed of to allude to my despatch No. ²⁷174 of December 8, relative to the desire of the Foreign Office to be informed as soon as possible of the places in French Equatorial Africa and French West Africa at which Miss Earhart intends to land.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:



Addison E. Southard,
Counselor of Embassy

In triplicate.

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RE: ELE



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Rio de Janeiro, January 12, 1937.

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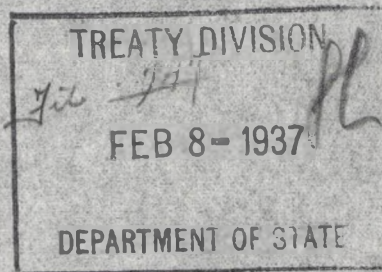
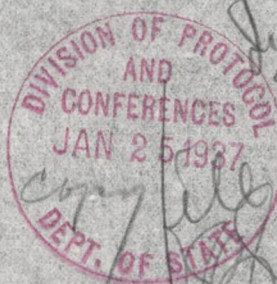
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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to refer to the Department's instruction No. 603 of November 18, 1936, regarding the proposed flight of Miss Amelia Earhart.

Under date of January 6, 1937, the Foreign Office advised the Embassy that permission had been granted for Miss Earhart's flight over Brazilian territory, provided she followed the usual commercial route and carried no photographic equipment. Miss Earhart should be advised that the Brazilian Government will not allow her to use codes in transmitting radio messages, which must be sent in clear language. The Foreign Office has requested

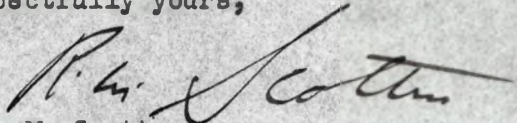
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requested that Miss Earhart furnish information, prior to her arrival in Brazil, concerning the wave length, power and frequency of the transmitting set which she will carry aboard.

Respectfully yours,


R. M. Scotten,

Charge d'Affaires ad interim.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF
PROTOCOL AND CONFERENCES



MEMORANDUM

March 5, 1937.

I called Mr. de Moura of the Brazilian Embassy concerning despatch No. 1245 of January 12 from Rio, stating that permission had been granted for Miss Earhart's flight provided she carried no photographic equipment.

I asked Mr. de Moura if he thought there would be any objection to Miss Earhart's carrying cameras provided they were sealed and declared at the port of arrival. He said that passengers in commercial planes are permitted to carry cameras and he saw no reason why there should be any objection to Miss Earhart's doing so. He added that he would write to the Ambassador, who is now in Brazil, and request him to do everything he could to make sure that Miss Earhart will receive all courtesies upon her arrival.



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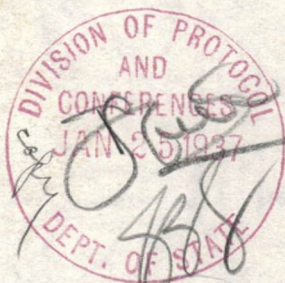
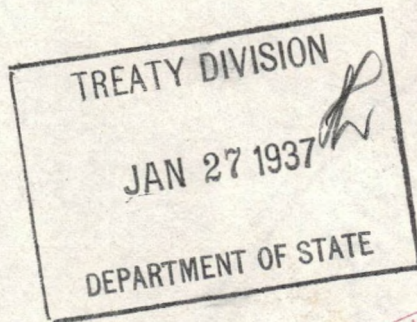
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Subject: Airplane flight of Miss Amelia Earhart.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's telegram No. 24 of December 8 - 2:00 p.m., 1936, concerning the proposed flight of Miss Amelia Earhart over Siamese territory, and to my telegram No. 18 of December 18 - 3:00 p.m., 1936, in reply, stating that permission for the flight has been granted by the Siamese Government. Enclosed herewith for the Department's information are a copy of my note No. 198 of December 11, 1936, to the Siamese Foreign Office concerning

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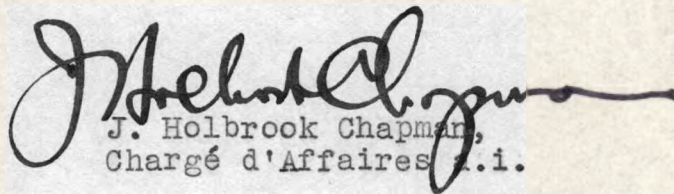
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2/. cerning this matter, and a copy of the reply from the Foreign Office, dated December 17, 1936.

The cost of the Legation's telegram No. 18 was \$11.15. This amount will be included in the accounts of the Mission for December as a charge for collection from Miss Earhart.

Respectfully yours,


J. Holbrook Chapman,
Chargé d'Affaires S. i. i.

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Enclosures:

- 1. Copy of note No. 198
from Legation to Siamese
Foreign Office, dated
December 11, 1936.
- 2. Copy of note No. 9463/2479
from Siamese Foreign Office to
Legation, dated December 17,
1936.

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 454, dated December 19, 1936, from the Legation at Bangkok.

C O P Y

No. 198.

Legation of
the United States of America
Bangkok, December 11, 1936.

Excellency:

I have the honor to request permission for flight over Siamese territory along the usually followed air route from Australia to India and thence around the world, with a landing, if necessary, at Don Muang, by Miss Amelia Earhart, an American aviatress, accompanied by her navigator, Mr. Harry Manning. The following available details concerning Miss Earhart and her airplane are furnished for your information:

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|---------------------|--|
| Owner and pilot: | Miss Amelia Earhart; transport pilot's license No. 5716; third-class radio operator's license No. P-11-17. |
| Navigator: | Mr. Harry Manning; private pilot's license No. 17063. |
| Type of plane: | Lockheed Electra. |
| Registration number | United States No. 16020. |
| Type of motors: | Two Pratt and Whitney Wasp motors of 550 h.p. each. |
| Equipment carried: | Two-way radio for both voice and code. Two small hand cameras. |

I am informed that because of the extreme length of some of the laps of the flight it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks in the airplane. With these tanks filled the weight of the airplane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued. The United States Department of Commerce nevertheless considers that the airplane is satisfactory for the purpose of this flight.

An early reply to this request would be very much appreciated.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

(SIGNED: J. Holbrook Chapman,
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the United States of America.

His Excellency
Luang Pradist Mamudharm,
His Siamese Majesty's State Councillor
for Foreign Affairs,
Bangkok.

Enclosure No. 2 to despatch No. 454, dated December 19, 1936, from the Legation at Bangkok.

C O P Y

No. 9463/2479.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Saranromya Palace,
17th December 1936.

Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires,

With reference to your letter No. 198 of the 11th instant on the subject of the proposed flight over Siamese territory by Miss Amelia Earhart, I have the honour to inform you that the competent authorities, to whom the matter was referred, have no objection to Miss Earhart flying over Siamese territory and landing at the aerodrome at Donmuang. It is requested, however, that the aviatrix should notify the Royal Aeronautical Service at Donmuang at least two days in advance of the date of her intended arrival in this country. Permission has also been granted for Miss Earhart to bring with her two cameras which, however, should be duly placed under seal before the commencement of her flight into Siamese territory.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires, to renew to you the assurance of my high consideration.

(SIGNED) LUANG PRADIST MANUDHARM,
State Councillor
for Foreign Affairs.

Monsieur J. Holbrook Chapman,
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the United States of America,
Bangkok.

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Washington,

January 23, 1937.

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Your despatch 174, December 8./

Permission desired for following landings/
between Aden and Dakar: Assab, Massawa and Asmara,
Eritrea; Khartoum, Kosti, El Obeid and El Fasher,
Anglo Egyptian Sudan; Fort Lamy, French Equatorial
Africa; Kano, Nigeria; Niamey, Bamako, French West
Africa.

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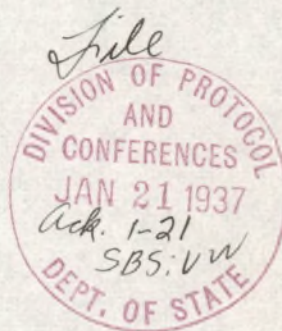


2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

January 13, 1937.

Mr. J. C. Holmes, Acting Chief,
Division of Protocol and Conferences,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Re: Your PC 800.79611 Putnam
Amelia Earhart/27



Dear Mr. Holmes:

This is in further reference to your letter of December 23rd, stating that the French Foreign Office desires to be informed of the places where landings are contemplated on Miss Earhart's proposed flight across Africa.

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The route will proceed westerly from Aden, via Kost, El Obeid and Niamey to Dakar. Weather and mechanical facts permitting, stops are planned at those points. However, as I understand it, there are many intermediate airports at any of which circumstances might make necessary a landing. I would request, therefore, the necessary permissions to cover such possible landings in event of emergency.

Sincerely yours,

GP Putnam

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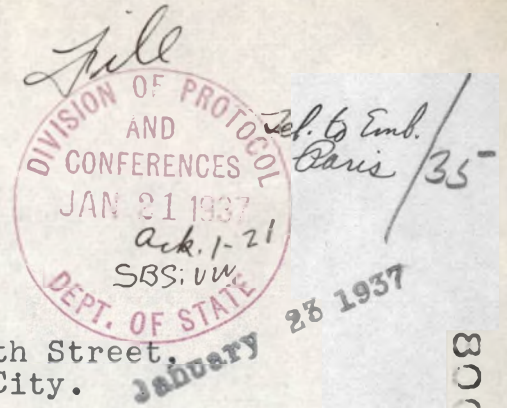
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GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM



2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

January 15, 1937.



Dear Mr. Holmes:

This supplements my letter to you of January 13th in reference to the route of the Amelia Earhart flight, particularly through Africa. /36

I enclose herewith a chart indicating the basic course with an alternate. The latter probably will be followed.

For instance, doubtless she will not try the direct jump from Port Darwin to Singapore but will follow the islands, involving a probable stop at Bandoeng. Similarly north from Singapore the route undoubtedly will follow by way of Rangoon and Calcutta, probably involving a stop at one of these places. Westerly from Aden the route probably will be via Kartoum, involving shorter hops and less fuel load.

From the standpoint of permissions it is requested that they be secured looking towards the use of either routing.

I am just in receipt of a detailed report on the African situation, resulting from one who has just covered the ground, making a survey for us.

This report contains the following:

"It may be that A.E. will want to continue from Aden to Assab in Eritrea. Permit to land there should be requested as soon as possible as it must go first to Addis Ababa, to be granted by the Viceroy, and then go back to Rome for final approval."

Confidentially, our correspondent adds that if we have any difficulty he is pretty sure he can obtain the necessary permissions direct.

No objection to this route.
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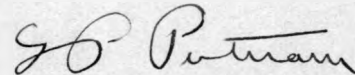
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I believe this information now thoroughly covers the requirements.

I expect to be in Washington next week and will give myself the pleasure of calling to check over any matters that require discussion.

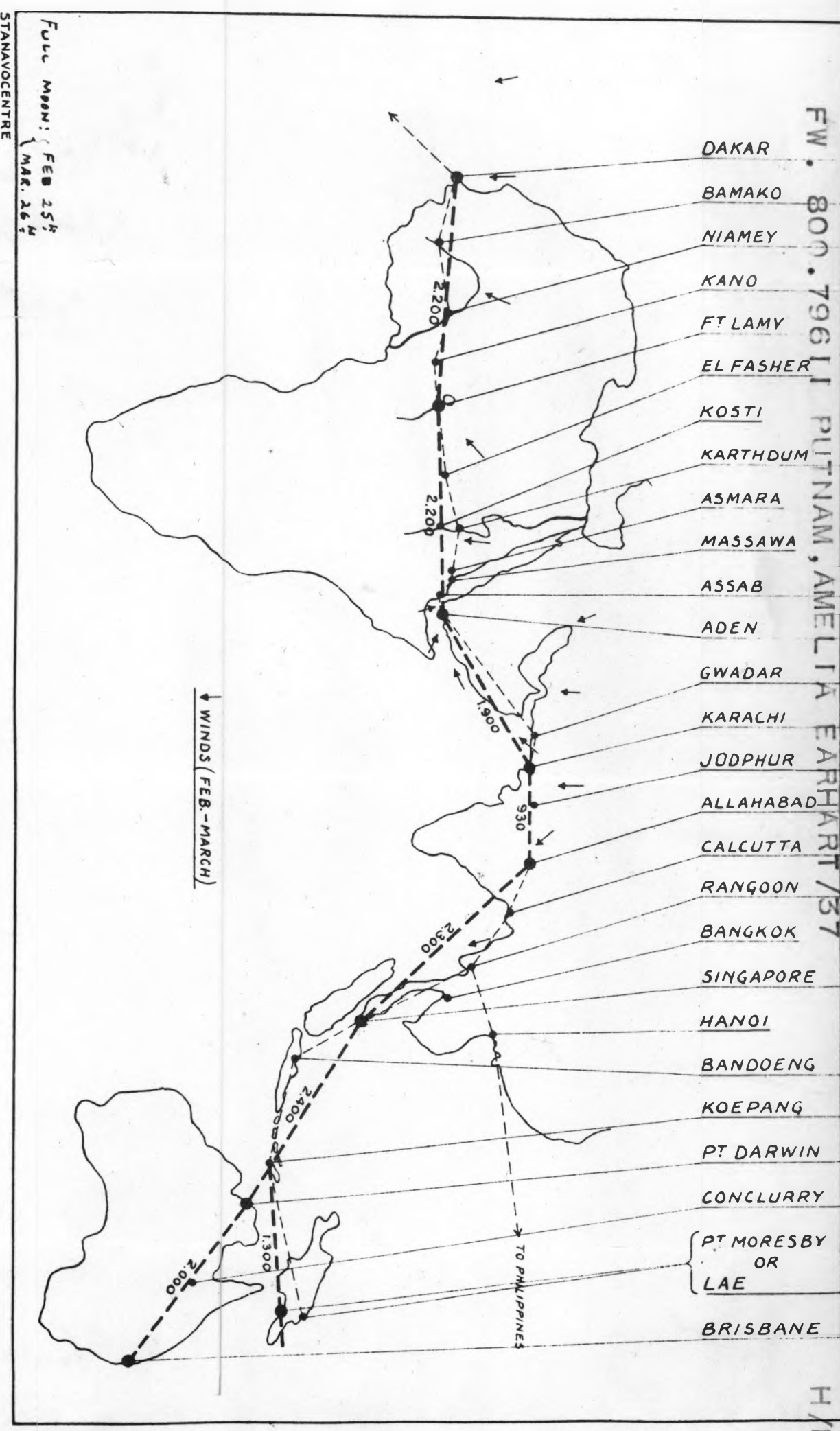
Sincerely,



Mr. J. C. Holmes, Acting Chief,
Division of Protocol and Conferences,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

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January 28 1937

In reply refer to
PC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia
Earhart/27

My dear Mr. Putnam:

This is to acknowledge your letters of January 13³⁷ and 15, addressed to Mr. Holmes, which I have delayed answering in the expectation of your calling at the office as you suggested you might do.

The American Embassy in Paris³⁵ is being advised by cable of the landings in Africa for which Miss Earhart desires permission. While I note that the alternate route west from Aden crosses northern Ethiopia, I am not requesting permission for Ethiopia for the reasons mentioned in one of our previous conversations. Moreover, it is my understanding that Miss Earhart will in all probability follow the route to the north, avoiding Ethiopia.

It will probably be necessary to send a number of telegrams before the arrangements for Miss Earhart's flight

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.

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flight are completed and, while it is customary for the Department to require a deposit of \$150 or \$200 to cover telegraphic charges, if you prefer, I can arrange to have you billed for the amount due after the account is closed.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief,
Division of Protocol and Conferences.

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PC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/32

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have just received a despatch from the Embassy in Paris, stating that the French Foreign Office desires more exact information as to the weight of Miss Earhart's plane in excess of the normal gross weight approved for commercial airplanes of this type.

In order that a complete explanation of the situation may be given to the French Government, I suggest that you furnish me with the following data:

- (1) Designed gross load.
- (2) Maximum gross load, including full fuel tanks, equipment, crew, et cetera.
- (3) Percentage of overload attributed to fuel.
- (4) Fuel consumption per hour by weight.
- (5) Whether test take-offs with full load have been made.
- (6) Whether stress analysis of landing gear has been made and, if so, results of test.

With the foregoing data, I believe it will be possible to satisfy the French Government that there will be an adequate safety factor in spite of the overload.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, New York.

Richard Southgate,
Chief,
Division of Protocol and Conference.

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Mr. Salmon:-

Please peruse last paragraph of letter to Mr. Putnam regarding "telegraphic charges". I notice you have not initialed it and perhaps you have not seen this.

D. Purvis(402)

Thanks. D.S.



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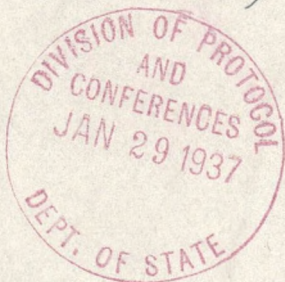
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of Miss Amelia Earhart.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's instruction No. 40 of November 18, 1936, with regard to the proposed around-the-world flight of Miss Amelia Earhart, and to report that according to information just received from the American Embassy at Rome, the Italian Government has no objection to Miss Earhart's flight over Eritrea and, if necessary, to her landing in that territory during the course of her trip.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador

Addison E. Southard,
Counselor of Embassy.

In quintuplicate.

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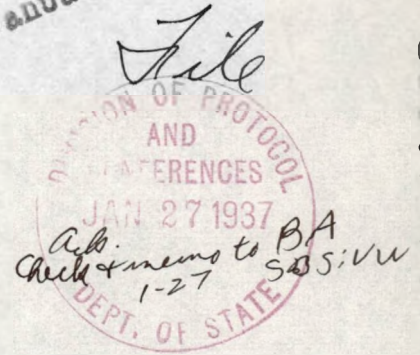
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GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM



January 27 1937



2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

January 25, 1937

Dear Mr. Southgate:

This acknowledges your letter of January 23rd. I note that you are not requesting permission for Ethiopia.

In connection with the telegraph expenses which the Department may have to undertake, I am sending check herewith for \$150 as a deposit against such charges.

Sincerely,

GP Putnam

Richard Southgate, Esq.,
Chief,
Division of Protocol & Conferences,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have received your letter of January 25, enclosing a check for \$150.

The amount of the check has been credited to your account to cover cable charges in arranging for Miss Earhart's flight.

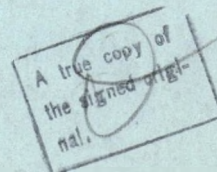
Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief,
Division of Protocol and Conferences.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.

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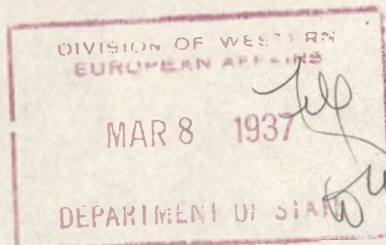
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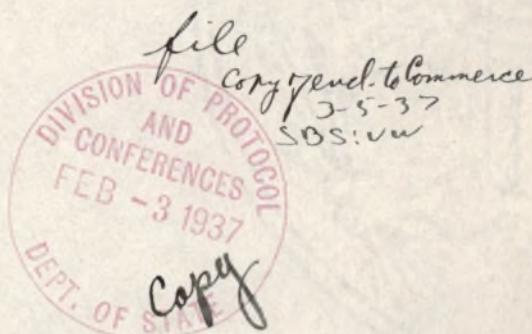
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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to instruction No. 40
of November 18, 1936 (800.79611 Putnam, Amelia
Earhart/11), with regard to the proposed flight
around the world of Miss Amelia Earhart.

A note has now been received from the American
Legation at Cairo, enclosing a copy of a communication
dated January 11 from the British Embassy in that
city. The British Embassy states that the Sudan
Government has approved Miss Earhart's flight over
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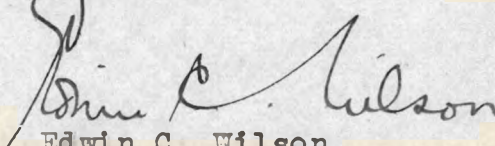
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the Sudan under certain conditions set forth in its
note, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:


Edwin C. Wilson
Counselor of Embassy

In triplicate.
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Inclosure as noted.

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Enclosure to despatch No.
from Embassy, Paris, dated Jan 22, 1937.

Note.

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Legation of the United States of America and, with reference to their note of the 17th of December last regarding Miss Earhart's forthcoming flight over the Sudan, has the honor to inform them that the Sudan Government have approved the flight of Miss Earhart over the Sudan in spite of the technical breach of the regulations concerning airworthiness certificates.

2. Landings must be made at the frontier aerodromes of arrival and departure and the route followed must be that laid down in Air Navigation Order No. 3, 1936. The route is Wadi Halfa, Station Six, Station Ten, Abu Hamad and thereafter along the river to Khartoum. From Khartoum onward she should fly along the River Nile to Malakal, thence along the Bor road via Khor Ket Duk, Fadiat, Kongor and Bor to Juba.

(complimentary ending)

British Embassy, Cairo, January 11, 1937.



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Paris, January 27, 1937.

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Subject: Around-the-World Flight
of Miss Amelia Earhart.

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800.79611 Putnam
Amelia Earhart

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's
instruction No. 40 of November 18, 1936, with regard
to the proposed around-the-world flight of Miss Amelia
Earhart, and to report that according to information
just received from the American Legation at The Hague,
permission has been granted by the Netherlands Govern-
ment, under certain conditions, for the flight of Miss
Earhart over the Netherlands Indies and Surinam. A
translation of the note of the Dutch Foreign Office is
enclosed for the Department's information.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Edwin C. Wilson,
Counselor of Embassy.

Enclosure:
as stated.
In quintuplicate.
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(TRANSLATION of note received
by American Legation at The Hague
from Dutch Foreign Office)

Referring to the notes of the Legation of the United States of America of respectively December 4th No. 344 and December 10th, No. 349, relating to the flight which Miss Amelia Earhart intends to undertake around the world in the month of March next, the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to inform the Legation that it has just been advised by the Ministry of Colonies that the Governor of Surinam has no objection against the projected flight. However, the Governor has requested that the attention of Miss Earhart be drawn to the fact that land planes can use only the airdrome situated 43 kilometers to the south of Paramaribo along the railway which is indicated by white corner signs and it is added that he would appreciate being informed opportunely of the exact date of the arrival of the pilot.

As to the Netherlands Indies, the Governor General of overseas territory grants equally permission for the flight in question on condition that the airplane should not be overloaded in flying over the Netherlands Indies. Furthermore, the above-mentioned Governor General feels that he must call the attention of Miss Earhart to the forbidden zones of Surabaya and Tandjong Priok as well as to the prohibition against transporting photographic apparatus ready for usage.

The Hague, January 26, 1937.

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In reply refer to
PC 800.79611-Putnam, Amelia Earhart/45

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My dear Mr. Putnam:

I am enclosing a copy of a despatch from the American Embassy in Paris, transmitting a translation of a note from the Netherlands Foreign Office concerning Miss Earhart's flight.

You will note that permission for the Netherlands Indies has been granted on condition that the plane shall not be overloaded.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief,
Division of Protocol and Conferences.

Enclosure:
From Embassy, Paris,
No. 302, January 27, 1937.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.

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In reply refer to
PG 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/

My dear Mr. Putnam:

In accordance with your request when you called at the office yesterday, I am enclosing a copy of a despatch from the Embassy in Paris transmitting a copy of a note from the British Embassy in Cairo concerning the route which Miss Earhart should follow over the Sudan.

The American Legation at Caracas is being instructed by cable to request permission from the Venezuelan Government for Miss Earhart to land at Maracay.

I am enclosing a list of the countries which Miss Earhart will cross on her flight, and a circular containing information concerning passport visas.

Since Cuban regulations require that flight permissions be obtained from a consular representative in this country, you may desire to take up the matter with the Cuban Consul in New York at the same time that you apply for visas.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures:
Despatch from Paris.
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Circular.

Richard Southgate,
Chief,

Division of Protocol and Conferences.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.



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MEMORANDUM

February 5, 1937.

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Mr. Putnam called at the office yesterday concerning Miss Earhart's flight and requested that we telegraph the Legation at Caracas to request permission for a landing at Maracay.

Mr. Putnam also requested that telegrams be sent to the missions ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ the countries from which permissions have not yet been obtained, requesting that the arrangements be expedited.



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Washington,

February 5, 1937.

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AMEMBASSY,

PARIS (FRANCE)

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Department's 511, December 8, 2 p.m.

If you have not requested permission for Australia
advise Department and permission will be requested
directly.

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CARACAS (VENEZUELA)

Department's instruction 120, November 18.

Request permission for Miss Earhart to land at
Maracay.

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No. 640

Robert M. Scotten, Esquire,
American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim,
Rio de Janeiro.

Sir:

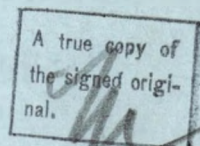
Reference is made to your despatch No. 1245 of January 12, 1937, stating that the Brazilian Government has requested certain information concerning Miss Earhart's radio.

You may advise the Foreign Office that the radio operates on a power of 50 watts and transmits on frequency of 3105, 6210, and 500 kilocycles. It is understood that the wave-length is determined by the frequencies.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Sumner Welles



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FROM

GRAY

Paris

Dated February 10, 1937

Rec'd 9:10 a.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

181, February 10, 11 a.m. / 48

Department's 69, February 16, 3 p.m.

British Foreign Office wishes request to be made
to Australia direct.

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Your despatch 251, January 7./32

Designed gross load 10,500 pounds.

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Maximum gross load with all fuel tanks filled,
equipment, crew, et cetera, 15,500 pounds. Forty-eight
percent of overload is attributed to fuel. However, the
length of the hops will not require full load of fuel and
it is not contemplated to carry a gross load in excess
of 12,500 pounds on the portion of the flight west of
Australia. Moreover, the weight will be reduced during
flight at the rate of 310 pounds per hour due to fuel
consumption. Successful test flights have been made with
the loads which will be carried and stress analyses have
been made of all features of the plane.

Endeavor to expedite arrangements for remaining
permissions. Use of telegraph authorized.

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800.79611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/52

February 9 1937

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have received your letter of February 5, ¹⁵³ giving detailed information concerning Miss Earhart's plane.

The information requested by the French Government has been cabled to the American Embassy in Paris ¹⁵² and I trust it will be sufficient to satisfy the French requirements.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief,
Division of Protocol and Conferences.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.

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SYDNEY (AUSTRALIA)

✓
Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight which she proposes to make around the world about the middle of March 1937. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U.S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From the Hawaiian Islands to New Guinea or Brisbane, Australia, thence to Port Darwin en route to the Netherland Indies.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted

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by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued, but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. This should be explained in requesting permission from the Government of Australia.

Miss Earhart has specifically request that no publicity be given to the plans for her flight.

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MEMORANDUM

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Justs to
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Mr. Miller of the Department of Commerce, who is assisting Mr. Putnam in arranging for Miss Earhart's flight, called this morning to say that Mr. Putnam had telephoned from New York and requested that arrangements be made for an alternate route from Venezuela to the United States ^{via} Central America. The countries to be flown over are Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama and the Canal Zone. The only landing which it is planned to make will be at France Field in the Canal Zone.

I told Mr. Miller that it would be necessary to request permission for the Canal Zone from the Governor of the Panama Canal and that permission for Mexico should be obtained from the Mexican Embassy or a Mexican consular officer in the United States. Mr. Miller stated that he would pass this information on to Mr. Putnam.

860.79611 Putnam

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Paris, February 4, 1937.

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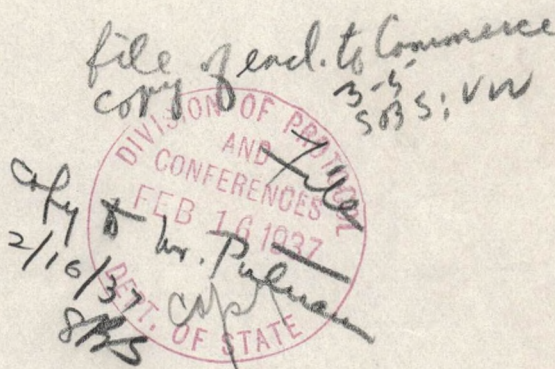
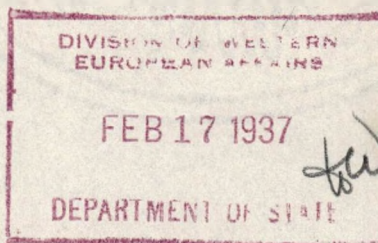
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Subject: Around-the-World Flight
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's instruction No. 40 of November 18, 1936 (File No. 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/11), directing the Embassy to endeavor to obtain permission for Miss Earhart to fly over certain countries lying on the route of her proposed flight around the world.

The Embassy is today in receipt of a note from the British Foreign Office pointing out certain difficulties in Miss Earhart's flying over her proposed route, particularly Karachi to Aden. A copy

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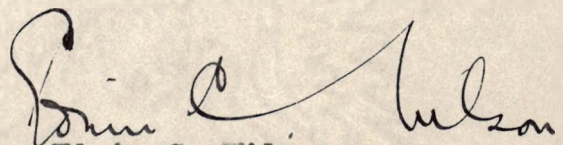
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of this note is enclosed herewith for the Department's information.

In view of the difficulties Miss Earhart will experience in carrying out her original intentions with regard to her route over British territory, the Embassy will appreciate receiving further instructions in regard to any alternative route she may decide upon.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:


Edwin C. Wilson,
Counselor of Embassy.

Enclosure: ✓

Single copy of note from British Foreign Office, dated February 2, 1937, to American Chargé d'Affaires at London.

In quintuplicate.

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No.A 802/671/45

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

2nd February, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Mr. Bingham's notes Nos. 8187 and 8195 of the 2nd and 10th December last respectively, in which His Excellency was good enough to enquire whether the necessary authorisation could be obtained for a flight which Miss Amelia Earhart proposes to make round the world during the latter part of this month.

2. I have the honour to refer in reply to my note of the 17th November regarding the proposed flight of Mr. Joseph A. Costa over the British West Indies, in which it was pointed out that objection is taken in principle to flights over British territory by uncertified foreign aircraft. Nevertheless, since the Department of Commerce consider that Miss Amelia Earhart's machine is satisfactory for her proposed flight, it is not desired to raise objection to the present flight on this account. This authorisation is granted, however, on the condition that third party insurance is effected for the amount appropriate to Miss Earhart's aircraft under the Rome Convention of the 29th May, 1933.

3. Moreover, as regards that part of Miss Earhart's itinerary which covers Malaya, I have the honour to request that Miss Earhart may be informed that she will be permitted to land at Selatar, Taiping and Penang. She should give advance notification of her arrival by telegram to "Aeronautics Singapore", stating the type and markings of her machine and the date and time of arrival at Seletar. On her arrival at Seletar, all occupants of the machine must report to the Officer of

Ray Atherton, Esq.,

etc., etc., etc.

London.

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of the Watch and must comply with the conditions imposed by the Royal Air Force for the control of civilian aircraft.

4. As regards India, I have the honour to state that the Government of India do not wish to prescribe any special conditions as to Miss Amelia Earhart's route, but the normal requirement that planes must arrive and depart from a Customs aerodrome will apply in her case. In view of the long range of her aircraft, it is considered desirable that Miss Earhart should be advised to follow the normal route between Rangoon and Allahabad rather than make a direct crossing of the Bay of Bengal. Miss Earhart has been exempted from the operation of rule 6 (1) of the Indian Aircraft Rules, 1920, in so far as that rule requires her to carry a certificate of airworthiness in respect of the aircraft which she intends to fly. The Government of India note that two small hand cameras will be carried by Miss Earhart. Should she desire to take any aerial photographs in India and Burma, she will be permitted to do so provided that no photographs are taken of prohibited areas, palaces, mosques, sacred places, and Royal Air Force and Army landing grounds.

5. As regards the proposed flight from Karachi to Aden, I have the honour to suggest that Miss Earhart should be informed that no flights over the Arabian territories of Muscat are permitted without special authorisation from the Sultan, and that there is no hope of permission being obtained from His Highness at the present time for private flights in the area. It might also be pointed out to her that the flight between Karachi and Aden would in any case involve a long crossing of the sea and flight along the south coast of Arabia, where there

is little prospect of assistance reaching Miss Earhart in the event of her getting into difficulties.

6. With regard to the proposed visit to Aden and the projected flight over the Yemen, I have the honour to suggest that Miss Earhart should be informed that the Yemen is an independent State, that it is understood that the King of the Yemen is not willing to grant permission for foreign aircraft to fly over his country, and that His Majesty's Government are not in a position to obtain facilities for Miss Earhart. In these circumstances Miss Earhart may not wish to take the route over Southern Arabia. However, while the nature of the country and conditions in the Aden Protectorate make private flights over that area undesirable, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom would be prepared to consult the Resident at Aden as to a landing at that place, if a visit there is still contemplated by Miss Earhart.

7. Finally, I have the honour to inform you that there is no landing ground licensed for the use of land aircraft in British Guiana, and it will accordingly not be possible for Miss Earhart to land in that Colony if her machine is a land aircraft.

I have the honour to be
with high consideration,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

D. L. Burt

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FROM

GRAY

Paris

Dated February 16, 1937

Rec'd 2:35 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

220, February 16, 6 p.m.

Department's 73 of February 9, 5 p.m.

In view of enclosure to Embassy's despatch No. 323
of February 4, is it desired to seek Persian and Irak
permissions?

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In reply refer to
PC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia
Earhart/57

February 16, 1937.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I am enclosing a copy of a despatch from the American Embassy in Paris transmitting a copy of a note from the British Foreign Office concerning Miss Earhart's flight. The Embassy in Paris has also cabled the Department to inquire whether permission is desired for Iran and Iraq in view of the difficulties outlined in the note from the British Foreign Office.

If you will let me know what you want done I shall be glad to do everything I can to adjust these difficulties.

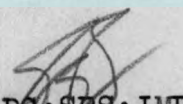
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
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From Paris,
February 4, 1937.

Richard Southgate,
Chief, Division of Protocol
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Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
Two West Forty-fifth Street,
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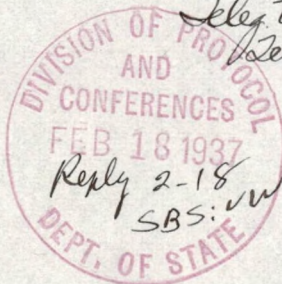
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2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

February 17, 1937.

Dear Mr. Southgate:

This acknowledges your letter of February 16th with enclosures from the British Foreign Office concerning certain difficulties in connection with Miss Earhart's proposed flight from Karchi to Aden. It is requested the efforts be continued to secure this permission.

For your information we are passing on this word by cable through special channels to Sir Francis Shelmerdine and believe that something helpful may develop at that end.

Sincerely

G.P. Putnam

Richard Southgate, Esq.,
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences,
Department of State,
Washington, DC

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My dear Mr. Putnam:

In accordance with your request, an effort is being made to secure permission for the route from Karachi to Aden in spite of the unfavorable attitude of the British Government. However, I can give no assurances that the permission will be obtained and it might be well under the circumstances to request permission also for an alternate route. Please let me know if you wish me to do this.

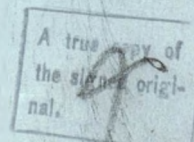
Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief,
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Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.

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MR. GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM, CHIEF OF
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

Permission granted for Eritrea with landings,
although Massawa not specifically mentioned.

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Secretary of State.

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PARIS (FRANCE)

Your despatch 323, February 4.

Miss Earhart desires further effort to be made to secure permission for Karachi-Aden route since route through Iraq and Iran would be considerably longer and inconsistent with her purpose of circling globe as closely as possible to equator. You should so advise Amembassy London and request that British Government be approached informally as to their willingness to secure permission for southern coast of Arabia through their agents in that area. It is not necessary however to make further request for Yemen permission since that region can be avoided without great inconvenience. Also advise Amembassy London that Amelia Earhart's husband, G. P. Putnam, is communicating directly with Sir Francis Shelmerdine,

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Director of Civil Aviation, concerning this matter.

Is third party insurance mentioned in British
note of February 2 required for all British territories
or for West Indies only?

It is assumed that there will be no objection to
flight over British Guiana without landing.

When may the permission for British New Guinea
be expected? Landing in New Guinea will be made at
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FROM

Dated February 24, 1937

Rec'd 2:40 p. m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

268, February 24, 4 p. m.

Department's 95, February 18, 8 p. m.

British Foreign Office has taken up question of flight over southern coast of Arabia with Colonial Office. It confirms that third party insurance is required for all British territories and that there is no objection to flight over British Guiana without landing. It suggests that proposed landing at Lae be taken up with Australian Government.

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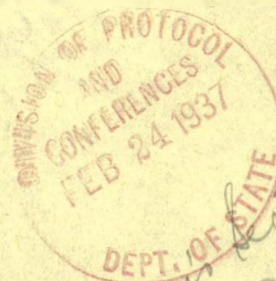
Miss Earhart's globe-circling flight.

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Tele to Bureau
at Sydney 2/25

February 15 1937

AIR MAIL

No. 279

The Honorable

Frank P. Corrigan,
American Minister,
San Salvador.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight around the world, which she proposes to make about the middle of March. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.
U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From Nicaragua en route to Guatemala. No landing is planned in El Salvador.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code, call letters KHAQQ. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

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Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued, but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. This should be explained in requesting permission from the Government of El Salvador.

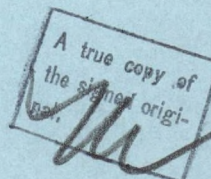
You are requested to obtain the necessary permission as soon as possible in order that all arrangements may be completed prior to Miss Earhart's departure from the United States. If necessary, the Foreign Office should be requested to authorize the Salvadoran Legation in Washington by cable to issue a flight permit.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

R. WALTON MOORE

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San Salvador

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

18, February 26, 10 a.m.

With reference to the Department's instruction 279,
February 15th, permission granted.

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Department's 73, February 9, 5 p.m.

When may permission for French territories be
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Secretary of State,
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278, February 26, 4 p. m.

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Informed permission will be granted with
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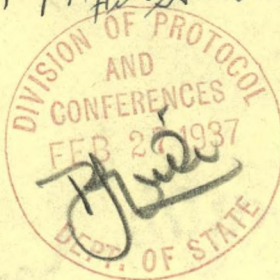
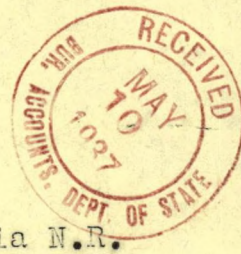
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SYDNEY, N.S.W. via N.R.

Dated Feb. 26, 1937

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Secretary of State

Washington, D.C.

February 26, 4pm.

Department's February 10, 7pm and February 25, 1pm.

Cally informed that while owing to constitutional difficulties with regard to federal control of aviation matters the Commonwealth authorities cannot grant formal permission to Miss Earhart to land, they have none the less no objection to her doing so and will be pleased to grant her all customary facilities. Written confirmation will follow early next week.

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Charge to account of George Palmer Putnam

Washington,

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February 25, 1937.

AMERICAN CONSUL,
SYDNEY (AUSTRALIA)

DIVISION OF
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Department's February 10, 7 p.m.

Miss Earhart desires permission to land at

Lae, New Guinea.

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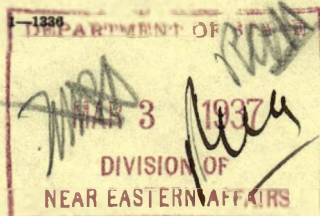
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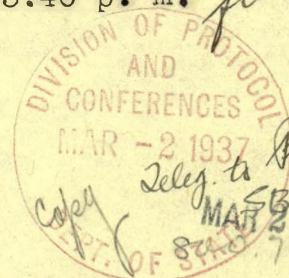
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FROM

Paris

Dated March 1, 1937

Rec'd 3:40 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Secretary of State

Washington.

291, March 1, 6 p. m.

Department's No. 35, January 23, noon.

Flight over French Equatorial and West Africa authorized if following itinerary is pursued: Abecher, Ati, Fort Lamy, Niamey, Bamako, Dakar. Landings authorized at Fort Lamy, Niamey, Bamako, Dakar. Special regulations would apply to flight northeast of Lake Chad but presume intention is to fly southwest through Nigeria.

Cameras must be sealed over French territory. Foreign Office wishes to be informed as soon as possible of radio call number and characteristics. Embassy at London being requested to expedite permission for Nigeria.

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AIR MAIL

February 15 1937

AIR MAIL

No. 25

The Honorable

Fay A. Des Portes,
American Minister,
Guatemala.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight around the world, which she proposes to make about the middle of March. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From El Salvador en route to Mexico. No landing is contemplated in Guatemala.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code, call letters KHAQQ. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks.

With

800.79611-PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/72

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With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. Since a certificate of airworthiness is required by Article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation, special permission for this flight must be requested from the Government of Guatemala.

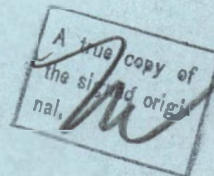
You are requested to obtain the necessary permission as soon as possible in order that all arrangements may be completed prior to Miss Earhart's departure from the United States.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

R. WALTON MOORE

*Charges included in
charge slip attached
to enclosure 74*



800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart.

February 15 1937

AIR MAIL

No. 259
The Honorable

George T. Summerlin,
American Minister,
Panamá.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight around the world, which she proposes to make about the middle of March. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.
U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From Colombia en route to Costa Rica, with an intermediary landing in the Canal Zone.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code, call letters KHAQQ. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will

exceed

800.79611-PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/73

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exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. Since a certificate of airworthiness is required by Article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation, special permission for this flight must be requested from the Government of Panama.

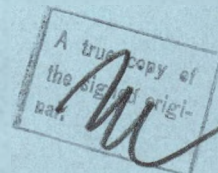
You are requested to obtain the necessary permission as soon as possible in order that all arrangements may be completed prior to Miss Earhart's departure from the United States.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

R. WALTON MOORE

*Charge included in
charge slip attached
to enclosure 74*



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

February 14, 1938

C.R.

Room 289.

Does the charge of \$1.35 cover all the attached Air Mail dated February 15, 1937? If not, please let us know the correct charges.

Also let us know the Air Mail charges on the attached correspondence dated November 18, 1936.

BA/Smith

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICE OF
COORDINATION AND REVIEW

February 14, 1938.

~~BA:~~

Instructions to Port au Prince and Rio de Janeiro dated November 18, 1936 were dispatched in the free air mail pouches from the Department. With reference to the several instructions dated February 15, 1937 the total cost is as bill attached i.e. \$1.35.

G. W. M.
Room 289.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICE OF
COORDINATION AND REVIEW

February 16, 1937.

BA:

Instructions sent to see below ,
1937
on February 15, , by air mail at the
request of see below . Postage cost \$1.35.

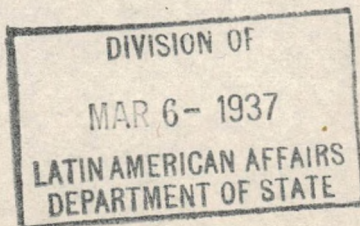
Send bill to interested party.

Amelia Earhart Putnam account.

(I am told by Mr. Smith of the PC division
that this may be charged against a deposit
for telegrams which is held in the Dept.)

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AIR MAIL

February 15 1937

AIR MAIL

No.

384

Harold M. Collins, Esquire,

American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim,

San José.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight around the world, which she proposes to make about the middle of March. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From Panama en route to Nicaragua. No landing is contemplated in Costa Rica.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code, call letters KHAQQ. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will

exceed

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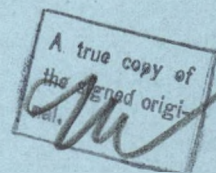
exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. Since a certificate of airworthiness is required by Article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation, special permission for this flight must be requested from the Government of Costa Rica.

You are requested to obtain the necessary permission as soon as possible in order that all arrangements may be completed prior to Miss Earhart's departure from the United States.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

R. WALTON MOORE



800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart

February 15 1937

AIR MAIL

No. 169

Walter W. Hoffmann, Esquire,
American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim,
Tegucigalpa.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight around the world, which she proposes to make about the middle of March. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From Nicaragua en route to El Salvador. No landing is contemplated in Honduras.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code, call letters KHAQQ. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will

exceed

800.79611-PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/75

H/TH

exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. Since a certificate of airworthiness is required by Article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation, special permission for this flight must be requested from the Government of Honduras.

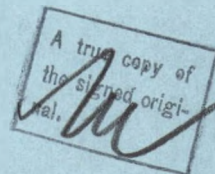
You are requested to obtain the necessary permission as soon as possible in order that all arrangements may be completed prior to Miss Earhart's departure from the United States.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

R. WALTON MOORE

*Air mail charge
included in cost slip
attached to enclosure 74.
BA/j.s.*



800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart

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AIR MAIL

February 15 1937

AIR MAIL

No. 118

Gerald A. Drew, Esquire,

American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim,

Managua.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight around the world, which she proposes to make about the middle of March. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From Costa Rica en route to Honduras. No landing is contemplated in Nicaragua.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code, call letters KHAQQ. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will

exceed

800.79611-PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/76

H/TH

exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. Since a certificate of airworthiness is required by Article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation, special permission for this flight must be requested from the Government of Nicaragua.

You are requested to obtain the necessary permission as soon as possible in order that all arrangements may be completed prior to Miss Earhart's departure from the United States.

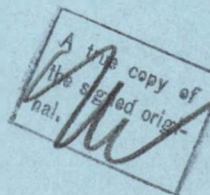
Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

R. WALTON MOORE

*Charges included in
cost slip attached to
enclosure 74.*

800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart



[Handwritten signature]

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February 15 1937.

AIR MAIL

No. 248

The Honorable

William Dawson,
American Minister,
Bogotá.

Sir:

Miss Amelia Earhart has requested that the necessary arrangements be made for a flight around the world, which she proposes to make about the middle of March. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra.

U. S. Registration No. NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From Venezuela to the Canal Zone, flying over Colombia. No landing is planned in Colombia.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code, call letters KHAQQ. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because

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Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued, but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. This should be explained in requesting permission from the Government of Colombia.

You are requested to obtain the necessary permission as soon as possible in order that all arrangements may be completed prior to Miss Earhart's departure from the United States.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

R. WALTON MOORE

*Charges included in
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enclosure 74.*



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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No.196

Guatemala, February 24, 1937.

Subject: Permission for Aeroplane Flight of Miss
Amelia Earhart.

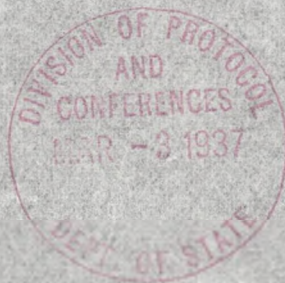
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to the Department's instruction No.75 of February 15,1937, I have the honor to report that by Foreign Office Note No.1949 of February 22,1937, the Government of Guatemala granted special permission for the flight which Miss Amelia Earhart desires to make over Guatemala en route from El Salvador to Mexico.

Respectfully yours,

Fay Allen DesPortes

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 942 1937 MAR 2 AM 10 54

Panama, February 25, 1937.

AIR MAIL

SUBJECT: Around-the-world flight of Miss
Amelia Earhart Putnam.
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's instruction No. 259, of February 15, 1937, file No. 800.79611, concerning an around-the-world flight projected by Miss Amelia Earhart Putnam about mid-March, 1937.

In replying to the Legation's note conveying the sense of the Department's instruction above referred to, the Panamanian Foreign Office, acceding to

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to the request for the special permission said to be necessitated by the special circumstances of the case, states:

"Note has been taken as well of the data concerning the type of airplane, its motors and special equipment, as well as of the further information referring to this special flight. For that reason the Government of Panamá accedes with pleasure to Your Excellency's request and avails itself of this opportunity to place Paitilla Airport at the orders of such a distinguished aviatrix in the event that she should care to pay us the honor of landing at the said national airport, and will at once take steps in order that all courtesies and facilities of which she is deserving may be extended."

810-79611 Harding, N.Y. 6
In connection with the carriage of cameras and radio apparatus, please refer to the Legation's despatch No. 744, of October 1, 1936, stating that Panamanian regulations permit the carriage of cameras without special permission, provided such equipment is boxed and sealed, and that radio installations are permitted, provided they are covered by proper documents of the country of an aircraft's registry.

Respectfully yours,

George T. Summerlin
George T. Summerlin

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FJF/eac

March 6 1937

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800.79611 Putnam / 79

My dear Mr. Secretary:

With reference to your Department's letter of October 23, 1936, requesting that the necessary arrangements be made for the proposed around-the-world flight of Miss Amelia Earhart, I am pleased to enclose a copy of a letter of even date to Mr. Putnam setting forth the present status of the arrangements.

Copies of the correspondence referred to in the letter to Mr. Putnam are transmitted herewith for your information.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

R. Walton Moore

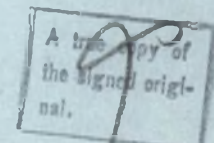
Enclosures:

Assistant Secretary.

- Copy of enclosure to despatch
No. 288 from Embassy, Paris,
dated January 22, 1937;
- Copy of enclosure to despatch No. 302
from Paris, January 27, 1937;
- Copy of enclosure to despatch No. 323
from Paris, February 4, 1937;
- Copy of despatch from Legation, Panama,
No. 942, February 25, 1937;
- Copy of letter from Department to
Mr. Putnam, March 5, 1937.

The Honorable
Daniel C. Roper,
Secretary of Commerce.

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FROM Sydney via Tutuila and N. R.

Dated March 2, 1937

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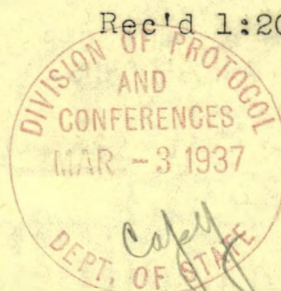
Secretary of State
Washington.

March 2, 5 p. m.

Written confirmation of my February 26, 4 p. m. received today. Australian authorities, however, suggest Salamaua near Lae as port of call in New Guinea as an officer of the civil aviation board is stationed there who could assist in customs and quarantine formalities. For instance, aircraft arriving in Australia from New Guinea as from elsewhere must produce official certificates that all interior parts have been sprayed or fumigated to ensure destruction of mosquitoes, also certificate that no person is suffering from infectious diseases; furthermore, every person must produce certificate either of vaccination within past three years or of immunity from smallpox.

Further particulars of route after Salamaua across Australian territory would be appreciated. Miss Tarhart is requested to telegraph Commonwealth Civil Aviation Board from Salamaua advising time of arrival at first Australian

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RB

-2- March 2, 5 p. m. from Sydney

Australian stopping point.

If Miss Earhart has selected any particular oil company to service plane Civil Aviation Board will gladly cooperate with it. 17. / ✓

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Washington,

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March 2, 1937.

6 pm

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DIVISION OF
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AND RECORDS

PARIS (FRANCE)

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Your 291, March 1, 6 p.m.

Radio operates on power of 50 watts and
transmits on 3105, 6210 and 500 kilocycles. Call
letters KHAQQ.

Is permission granted for French Guiana and
French West Indies?

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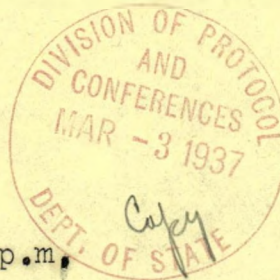
FROM Paris

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Received 11:55 AM

FILE. BUREAU OF ACOOTS

Secretary of State,
Washington.



298 March 3, 4 p.m.

Department's 113, March 2, 6 p.m. /81

Permission for French Guiana and French West Indies
granted subject to usual restrictions.

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Paris

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Secretary of State

Washington

301, March 3, 7 p.m.

Embassy's 291, March 1, 6 p.m.

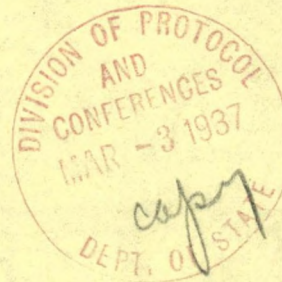
Permission granted for Nigeria.

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Putnam flight

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WESTERN UNION

B. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLE
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS

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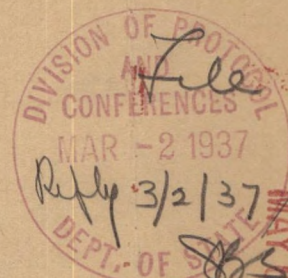
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SIDNEY SMITH, STATE DEPARTMENT=

DIVISION OF PROTOCOL AND CONFERENCES=

PLEASE WIRE COLLECT IF ANY FURTHER WORD REGARDING FRENCH
TERRITORIES PERMISSION CAN WE COUNT ON IT DEFINITELY THANKS

J BERGER SECRETARY GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM.



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Flight of Amelia Earhart Putnam

Washington,

1937 MAR 2 PM 5 37 March 2, 1937.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, New York.

AmEmbassy, Paris, wires following:

QUOTE Flight over French Equatorial and West Africa
authorized if following itinerary is pursued: Abecher,
Ati, Fort Lamy, Niamey, Bamako, Dakar. Landings authorized
at Fort Lamy, Niamey, Bamako, Dakar. Special regulations
would apply to flight northeast of Lake Chad but presume
intention is to fly southwest through Nigeria. UNQUOTE

Cordell Hull

Secretary of State

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Managua, D. N., Nicaragua, February 26, 1937.

No. 416.

Subject: PERMISSION GRANTED BY NICARAGUAN GOVERN-
MENT FOR FLIGHT OF MISS AMELIA EARHART.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to the Department's instruction No. 118 of February 15, 1937 (File No. 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart) regarding a flight to be made around the world by Miss Amelia Earhart, I have the honor to enclose herewith the original and translation of authorization for the flight over Nicaraguan territory and landing, if necessary, issued by J. Rigoberto Reyes, Under Secretary of War and Navy, which was transmitted to the Legation by Note No. 39 of February 26, 1937,
from

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from the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Respectfully yours,

Boaz Long

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- / No. 1: Original of authorization. - to
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Bogotá, Colombia, March 1, 1937.
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Subject: Permission for Flight over Colombia
of Miss Amelia Earhart.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's instruction No. 248 of February 15, 1937 (File No. 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart) requesting the Legation to obtain permission for a flight by Miss Amelia Earhart over Colombian territory, from Venezuela to the Canal Zone, and to report that the desired permission has been granted in a note dated February 27, 1937, from the Ministry of Foreign Relations.

The note of the Ministry of Foreign Relations quotes a communication from the Minister of War granting the permission of that Ministry, and requesting that it be advised of the exact date of the flight in order

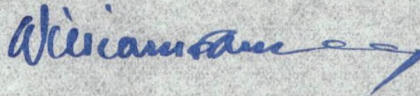
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in order that officials in the appropriate areas of the country may be instructed to lend appropriate assistance to Miss Earhart in case of necessity.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Dawson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William Dawson

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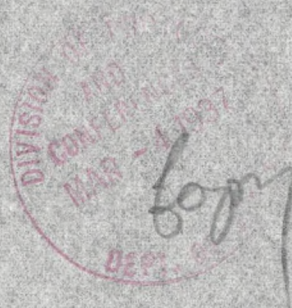
Tegucigalpa, Honduras,
February 25, 1937.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's
Instruction No. 169 of February 15, 1937, file No.
800.79611 Putman, Amelia Earhart, in which the Lega-
tion was instructed to secure permission from the
Honduran Government for Miss Earhart's proposed flight
over the territory of this Republic.

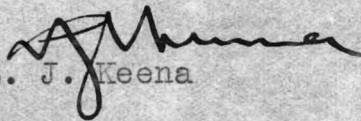
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Under date of February 20th a note was addressed to the Minister of Foreign Relations requesting the desired permission and on February 24th this Legation was advised that the Honduran Minister of War, Marine and Aviation had, on the previous day, given orders to the effect that Miss Earhart be permitted to fly over Honduran territory and, if necessary, to land at Toncontin, during the course of her flight around the world.

Respectfully yours,



L. J. Keena

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Deposit of Amelia Earhart Putnam

Washington,

March 8, 1937.

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DAY LETTER

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
C/o Paul Mantz,
Union Air Terminal,
Burbank, California.

From Southgate

Reference portion my letter March 5th concerning flight over Arabia. The American Embassy in London now telegraphs that British Foreign Office has no objection to flight over Aden Protectorate and landing at Aden but that such flight would presumably involve crossing the Muscat territory and that there is no hope of permission being obtained from the Sultan at present for ^{private} flights over that territory. Foreign Office also points out that the part of the Sultan's territory which Miss Earhart's route will cover is desolate, inaccessible and entirely unsuitable for any emergency landing and that the nature of the country and conditions in the Aden Protectorate are also unsuitable for private flying. As result of foregoing Foreign Office strongly advises Miss Earhart follow different route.

Foreign Office has granted permission to fly over and land in Nigeria provided third party insurance is effected for the appropriate amount under the Rome

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Convention of May 29, 1933.

Reference Costa Rica, permission now granted.

American Legation Caracas telegraphs that Venezuelan
War Department grants permission for landing at Maracay
but must know approximate date of arrival and route of
flight.

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AIRMAIL

March 5, 1937.

800.79611 Putnam
My dear Mr. Putnam:

In view of the short time remaining before the proposed date of Miss Earhart's departure, I am writing to advise you of the present status of the arrangements for flight permissions. For your convenience I am listing the countries in the order in which they will be visited.

New Guinea and Australia

The Australian Commonwealth Government states that owing to constitutional difficulties with regard to Federal control of aviation matters they cannot grant formal permission for Miss Earhart to land but none the less they have no objection to her doing so and will be pleased to grant her all customary facilities. The Australian authorities, however, suggest Salamaua, near Lae, as a port of call in New Guinea since an officer of the Civil Aviation Board is stationed there and could assist in customs and quarantine formalities. The presence of such an officer is necessary since aircraft arriving in Australia from New Guinea, as from elsewhere, must produce an official certificate that all interior parts of the plane have been sprayed or fumigated to insure destruction of mosquitoes and a certificate that no person is suffering from infectious diseases. In addition, every person must produce a certificate either of vaccination within the past three years or of immunity from smallpox.

The

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
Care of Paul Mantz,
Union Air Terminal,
Burbank, California.

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The Australian authorities would appreciate further particulars of the route over Australian territory after leaving Salamaua and have requested that Miss Earhart telegraph the Commonwealth Civil Aviation Board from Salamaua to advise the time of her arrival at the first stopping point in Australia. The Civil Aviation Board will be glad to cooperate with any oil company which Miss Earhart may have selected to service her plane.

Netherlands Indies

Permission granted on condition that the plane shall not be overloaded while flying over the Netherlands Indies. Attention has been invited to the forbidden zones of Surabaya and Tandjong Priok and to the prohibition against transporting photographic apparatus ready for use. (A copy of the note from the Netherland Foreign Office was enclosed with my letter of February 11, 1937.)

British Malaya

Permission granted, including landings at Seletar, Taiping and Penang. Advance notice should be given by telegraph to "Aeronautics Singapore", stating the type and markings of the plane and the date and time of arrival at Seletar. On arrival at Seletar all occupants of the plane must report to the Officer of the Watch and must comply with conditions imposed by the Royal Air Force for the control of civil aircraft. (See copy of note from the British Foreign Office enclosed with my letter of February 16, 1937.)

Siam

Permission granted provided cameras are sealed. The Royal Aeronautical Service at Donmuang Airport should be notified of the date of arrival at least two days in advance.

India

Permission granted subject to the normal requirement that customs airdromes be used for arrival and departure. It is desired that the usual route between Rangoon and Allahabad be followed rather than a direct crossing of the Bay of Bengal. (See copy of note from the British Foreign Office enclosed with my letter of February 16, 1937.)

Arabia

Arabia (Muscat, Aden Protectorate, Yemen)

The British Foreign Office is making a further effort to arrange permission for the southern coast of Arabia, including Muscat and Aden. It is considered impossible to obtain permission for the Yemen but it is believed that Miss Earhart will be able to avoid that region without great inconvenience.

In the event that the permissions for Arabia are not obtained prior to Miss Earhart's departure, arrangements will be made to have them sent to her in care of the American Consul at Karachi. However, in view of the possibility that the Arabian permissions will not be granted, it is suggested that an alternate route be selected for which permissions may be requested in the meantime.

Eritrea

Permission granted, including landings.

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan

Permission granted. Landings must be made at the frontier airdromes and the route followed must be that laid down in Air Navigation Order No. 3, 1936. (See copy of note from the British Embassy at Cairo enclosed with my letter of February 5, 1937.)

French Equatorial Africa and French West Africa

Permission granted provided the following itinerary is pursued: Abecher, Ati, Fort Lamy, Niamey, Bamako, Dakar. Landings are authorized at Fort Lamy, Niamey, Bamako, and Dakar. Cameras must be sealed over French territory.

Nigeria

Permission granted.

Brazil

Permission granted. Cameras must be sealed, and should be declared at the port of arrival.

French

French Guiana

Permission granted "subject to usual restrictions".

Netherland Guiana (Surinam)

Permission granted. The Governor of Surinam would appreciate being informed in advance of the exact date of arrival, and desires to invite attention to the fact that land planes can use only the airdrome "situated 43 kilometers to the south of Paramaribo along the railroad which is indicated by white corner signs". (See copy of note from the Netherland Foreign Office enclosed with my letter of February 11, 1937.)

British Guiana

Permission granted, but there is no landing field in British Guiana licensed for the use of land aircraft.

Venezuela

Permission has been granted for flight over Venezuela without landing. Permission was subsequently requested for a landing at Maracay but no reply has as yet been received. The Minister of Communications desires to be informed in advance of the route over Venezuela and the exact date of the flight.

Colombia

Permission granted. Colombian Government desires to be advised of the exact date of the flight over Colombia.

Panama

Permission granted. It will be noted that cameras must be boxed and sealed. (See enclosed copy of despatch from the American Legation at Panama.)

Canal Zone

Application for permission should be made direct to the Governor of the Panama Canal.

Costa Rica

Costa Rica

No reply has as yet been received.

Nicaragua

Permission granted, including landing if necessary. The Collector General of Customs at Managua should be notified in advance of the type and registration number of the aircraft and the name and license number of the pilot.

Honduras

Permission granted, including landing at Toncontin.

El Salvador

Permission granted.

Guatemala

Permission granted. The Ministry of Fomento at Guatemala City should be notified in advance of the approximate date of arrival, the type and registration number of the aircraft and the name and license number of the pilot. If a landing is made in Guatemala it must be at La Aurora or Barrios unless special arrangements are made with the Ministry of Fomento to land elsewhere.

Mexico

Application for permission should be made direct to the Mexican Embassy or a Mexican consular office in the United States.

Alternate Route
From Venezuela to United States

British West Indies

Permission granted.

French West Indies

Permission granted "subject to usual restrictions".

Dominican

Dominican Republic

Permission granted.

Haiti

Permission granted.

Cuba

Application for permission should be made direct to a Cuban consular office in the United States.

The British Government has requested that third party insurance be taken out to cover the flight over all British territories.

Every effort is being made to complete the necessary arrangements in time to permit Miss Earhart to depart on the date planned.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief,
Division of Protocol and Conferences.

Enclosure:
From Legation, Panama,
No. 942, February 25, 1937.

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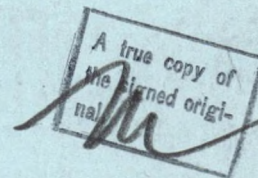
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London

Dated March 6, 1937

Rec'd 10:55 a.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

125, March 6, 1 p.m.

Department's 25, February 18, 8 p.m., to Paris.

Following just received from Foreign Office:

"In reply to the inquiries contained in the three final paragraphs the telegram Alten gave Millard on the 22nd February, the following reply:

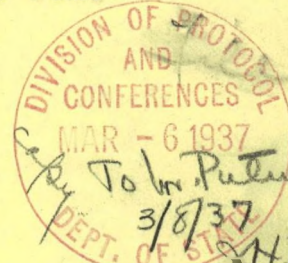
(one) Third party insurance is required in all British territories;

(two) There is no objection to flight over British Guiana without landing;

(three) Permission in respect of a landing at Lae in British New Guinea is a matter for His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia.

With regard to the first paragraph of the telegram the appropriate authorities of His Majesty's Government have now been in communication with the Resident at Aden and it is now learnt that the civil and air authorities at Aden see no objection to permission being given to Miss Earhart to fly over the Aden Protectorate and land at Aden. A flight of this nature would however presumably

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still involve crossing the Muscat territory and in this connection I am afraid that we are able to add nothing to what we told you in our note of the 2nd February, namely, that there is no hope of permission being obtained from the Sultan at the present time for private flights over the territory. Apart from this we understand that the part of the Sultan's territory which Miss Earhart's route will cover is desolate, inaccessible, and entirely unsuitable for any emergency landings should Miss Earhart unfortunately be forced to make one. Moreover you will recall that we mentioned in our note of the 2nd February that the nature of the country and conditions in the Aden Protectorate are also unsuitable for private flying.

I should accordingly be grateful if you could communicate with the State Department in the above sense and suggest to them that they should do their best to persuade Miss Earhart to follow a different route".

Foreign Office note March 2 authorizes Miss Earhart to fly over and land in Nigeria provided third party insurance is effected for the appropriate amount under the Rome Convention of May 29, 1933.

Paris advised of foregoing.

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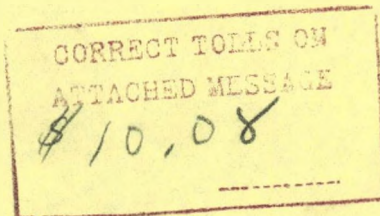
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10, March 6, 11 a. m.

Permission Earhart flight granted.

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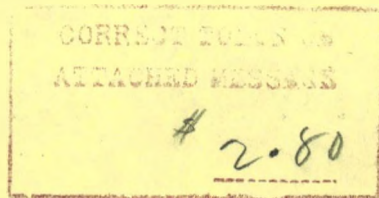
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War Department states permission granted but must know approximate date of arrival and route of flight.

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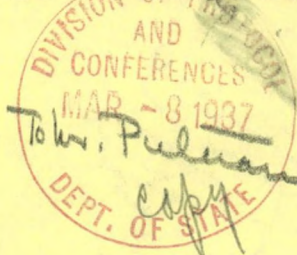
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Expedite reply Department's instruction 384,

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Sydney, N.S.W. via N.R.

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Secretary of State

Washington

March 12, 10 a.m.

Telegram from Civil Aviation Board now states preferable
Miss Earhart land Lae, New Guinea, as construction work is
in hand at Salamaua.

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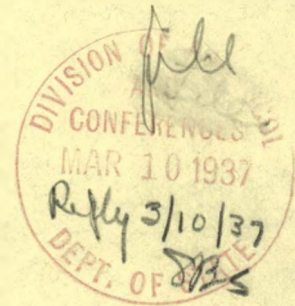
State Dept,

Have word from our London representative confirming from
that end information your gave us regarding Karachi Aden
route stop Situation understood will keep outside three
mile limit of unpermissibned territory stop Please wire
when and how we may expect documents from your stop After
tomorrow address Municipal Air port Oakland

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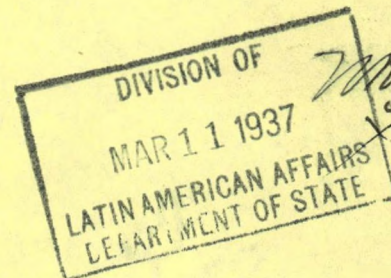
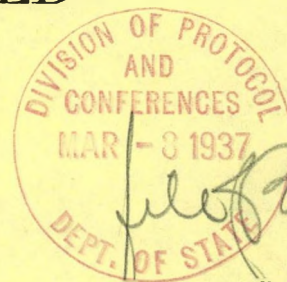
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Richard Southgate

Thanks letter fifth stop fumigation for Australia arranged stop
re Venezuela permission desired for landings at Quiriquire and
Maracaibo date probably early April stop moving Tuesday to
Municipal Airport Oakland take-off possible any time after
Thursday so please air mail necessary papers there direct or
via commerce department kindly advise here by Western Union
collect thank you

G P Putnam

1250am Mar 8



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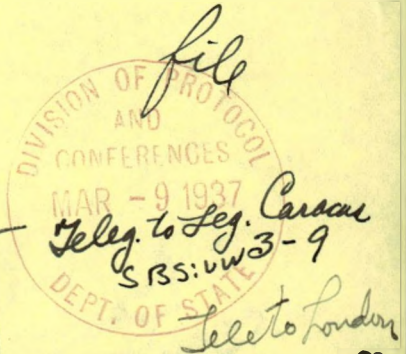
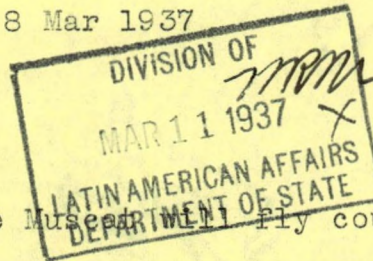
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Thanks telegram stop Reference Museum fly course avoiding
territory stop Re Venezuela repeating yesterday's night letter
appreciate Maracay permissions but now also want landing permission
for Quiriquire and Maracaibo where fuel already arranged expected
date early April will wire authorities following Dakar take off
stop Route approximate coast first potential stop Quiriquire
then Maracaibo thence to Panama

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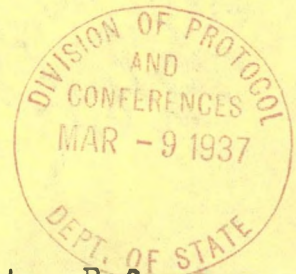
Richard SouthGate

This supplements yesterday's night letter stop Reference
British authorities inquiry glad to report third party liability
protection arranged for entire flight stop hundred thousand
for one person three hundred if more than one stop twenty five
thousand properly damage

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CARACAS (VENEZUELA)

Miss Earhart desires permission to land at
Quiriquire and Maracaibo.

Route will follow coast approximately, with
first potential stop at Quiriquire.

Miss Earhart will wire authorities prior to
arrival early in April.

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LONDON (ENGLAND)

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Your 123, March 6, 1 p.m.

Miss Earhart desires to land at Aden and
will fly course from Karachi avoiding Muscat.

Third party insurance arranged for entire flight.

Advise Amembassy Paris of foregoing.

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Washington,

March 10, 1937.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
Union Air Terminal,
Burbank, California.

Department Commerce advised status of permissions
and is preparing letter of authority.

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LEGATION OF THE
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Caracas, March 9, 1937.

Subject: Permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's
telegram No. 13, March 6, 1 p. m. and to the Legation's
telegraphic reply No. 20, March 6, 5 p. m., regarding
permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to land at Maracay
on her proposed flight around the world.

The Legation's telegram above mentioned stated that the
War Department had granted permission for the contemplated
landing but that it must know the approximate date of Miss
Earhart's arrival and the route of her flight. This per-
mission was obtained orally in a conversation with the
Director of War and was subsequently confirmed by a telephone
conversation

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conversation with officials in the Ministry of Communications. Both departments of the Government stressed the necessity for knowing the approximate date of arrival, and added that the Foreign Office had been requested to inform the Legation to this effect.

The Legation first requested permission for Miss Earhart to land at Maracay in a note to the Minister for Foreign Affairs dated February 8, 1937, in accordance with the Department's telegram No. 11, February 6, 3 p. m. On February 12, the Foreign Office replied that the matter had been referred to the competent authorities in the Ministry of Communications; no further word having been received, Secretary Villard discussed the matter informally with the Minister for Foreign Affairs on March 5, expressing the hope that a reply might be expedited. Although both the Ministry of Communications and the Ministry of War stated that their answers had been transmitted to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, no further communication has been received from the latter department.

As the Legation has pointed out on several previous occasions, the Venezuelan authorities are extremely reluctant to grant permission for airplane flights or landings unless the approximate date of arrival and the route of flight are mentioned, in addition to the usual details concerning equipment and personnel. Unless such data is furnished, it is very difficult for the Legation to obtain the desired permission promptly or in full. In the case of Miss Earhart it is hoped that the necessary information

information may be furnished by telegraph in order to avoid complications when she arrives in Venezuela.

It is assumed that Miss Earhart is aware of the fact that there are two landing fields at Maracay, one belonging to the Venezuelan Army and another used as a commercial field adjacent to Lake Valencia.

Respectfully yours,

For the Minister:

Henry S. Villard

Henry S. Villard
Second Secretary of Legation

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

San José, Costa Rica,
March 11, 1937.

No.1351

Subject: Airplane Flight of Miss Amelia Earhart.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to my telegram No.10 of March 6, 11 a.m., informing the Department of the granting by the Government of Costa Rica of permission for the airplane flight of Miss Amelia Earhart, which was the subject of instruction No.384 of February 15, 1937; and in this connection to enclose for the completion of the Department's files a copy of my note of February 23 requesting permission for the flight, and a copy and translation of a note dated March 3, 1937, granting the desired permission.

Respectfully yours,

Harold M. Collins
Harold M. Collins,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Enclosures:
As indicated.

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Nº 21

San José, Costa Rica,
February 23, 1937.

Excellency:

I have the honor to invite Your Excellency's courteous attention to an airplane flight around the world that Miss Amelia Earhart (Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam) is planning to make about the middle of March. The pertinent information concerning the flight is as follows:

Pilot - Miss Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license 5716. Third class radio operator's license P-11-17.

Navigator - Harry Manning, private pilot's license 17063.

Plane - Lockheed Electra. U.S. registration Nº NR-16020.

Motors - Two Pratt and Whitney Wasps, 550 horsepower each.

Itinerary - From Panama en route to Nicaragua. No landing is contemplated in Costa Rica.

Special equipment - Two-way radio for both voice and code, call letters KHAQQ. Two small hand cameras. No firearms.

The primary purpose of the flight is to make a field test of the plane and its equipment as a part of the program of aeronautical activities being conducted by Miss Earhart under the auspices of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Miss Earhart is the sole owner of the plane.

Because of the long hops to be made on this flight, it has been necessary to install additional fuel tanks. With these tanks filled, the weight of the plane will exceed by several thousand pounds the approved gross weight for Commercial aircraft of this type. Accordingly a certificate of airworthiness cannot be issued but the Department of Commerce nevertheless considers the plane to be satisfactory for the purposes of this flight. Since a certificate of airworthiness is required by article 10 of the Habana Convention on Commercial Aviation, special permission for this flight must be requested from the Government of Costa Rica.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would inform me whether the Government of Costa Rica is disposed to grant the special permission desired for Miss Earhart's flight over the territory of Costa Rica.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Harold M. Collins,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

His Excellency

Señor Licenciado don Manuel F. Jiménez,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
San José, Costa Rica.

Enclosure N° 2 to Despatch N° 1351 of March 11, 1937.

REPUBLICA DE COSTA RICA

SECRETARIA DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES

N° 101-B

SAN JOSE, 3 de marzo de 1937.

420-11

Señor Encargado de Negocios:

En contestación a la atenta nota de Vuestra Señoría, N° 21, fechada el 23 de febrero próximo pasado, tengo la honra de manifestarle que, habiendo puesto en conocimiento de la Secretaría de Seguridad Pública la solicitud de permiso para el vuelo del aeroplano perteneciente a la Señora Amelia Earhart Putnam, anunciado para mediados del mes en curso, aquel Departamento contestó que ve con mucho agrado la realización de dicho vuelo y concede con gusto la licencia pedida por el digno conducto de Vuestra Señoría.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para reiterar a Vuestra Señoría las seguridades de mi mas distinguida consideración.

MANUEL F. JIMENEZ

Honorable Señor Harold M. Collins,
Encargado de Negocios ad interim
de los Estados Unidos de América.

Presente.

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Enclosure N° 3 to Despatch N°1351 of March 11, 1937.

REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

N° 101-B

SAN JOSE, march 3, 1937.

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Mr. Chargé d'Affaires:

In reply to Your Honor's courteous note N° 21, of February 23, I have the honor to inform you that having brought to the attention of the Ministry of Public Safety the request for permission for the flight of an airplane belonging to Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, scheduled for the middle of the present month, that Ministry has replied that it views with much pleasure the accomplishment of the said flight and is gratified to concede the permission requested through the worthy conduct of Your Honor.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to Your Honor the assurances of my very distinguished consideration.

MANUEL FRANCISCO JIMENEZ

The Honorable Harold M. Collins,

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

of the United States of America.

San José, Costa Rica.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1937

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Miss Amelia Earhart,
Locust Avenue,
Rye, New York.

Dear Miss Earhart:

Permission is hereby granted for foreign flight in accordance with the terms of a letter dated March 5, 1937, from Mr. Richard Southgate, Chief of the Division of Protocol and Conferences, State Department, Washington, D. C., to Mr. George Putnam, who has acknowledged receipt thereof, subject to the modifications listed below.

Permission has been granted for flight over Costa Rica.

Permission has been granted by Venezuela for landing at Maracaibo.

The British Foreign Office advises that it has been unable to obtain permission for flight covering the southern coast of Arabia, including Muscat. This, therefore, will involve a change in the itinerary of which the State Department should be immediately advised so that they can arrange to secure the proper permission.

Following are the conditions under which the authorization for your flight is promised:

1. Aircraft. Lockheed, model Electra 10-E, serial number 1055, license NH-16020, recorded as owned by Amelia Earhart.
2. Pilot. Amelia Earhart, transport pilot's license No. 5716.
3. Navigator. Harry Manning, private pilot's license No. 17003.
4. Apparatus Carried. Two small hand cameras. Two-way radio. No firearms.
5. Third Party Insurance. The British Government has requested that third party insurance be taken out to cover the flight over all British territories.

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Miss Amelia Earhart.

6. Unless sooner suspended or revoked, this authorization shall remain in force until August 15, 1937, provided that the above mentioned aircraft license and the license of the pilot shall remain in full force and effect during the period.

The foregoing authorization is issued with the understanding that neither the aircraft nor its equipment constitutes or involves military secrets of interest to the national defense. In this connection, your attention is invited to the provisions of Title 1 of the Espionage Act of June 15, 1917.

It is the duty of the pilot to inform herself of the air regulations in force of all countries over which the flight is to be made and to comply with such regulations in so far as they are applicable.

This authorization shall be kept in the personal possession of the pilot at all times during the flight.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) J. M. Johnson

J. M. Johnson,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Enclosure
Nicaraguan permission

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March 24, 1937.

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Earhart has postponed flight to late April or May.

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Repeat mutatis mutandis to AMLEGATION, Bangkok,
Siam; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; San José,
Costa Rica; Bogotá, Colombia; San Salvador, El Salvador;
Guatemala, Guatemala; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Tegucigalpa,
Honduras; Managua, Nicaragua; Panama, Panama; Caracas,
Venezuela.

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Account of Amelia
Earhart Putnam

Washington,

March 23, 1937.

AMERICAN CONSUL,
Sydney, (Australia).

Inform authorities that due to accident
Miss Earhart has postponed flight to late April
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\$ *112* Earhart Putnam

Washington,

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March ~~23~~ *24*, 1937.

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AMEMBASSY,

Paris, (France).

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Inform authorities of countries from which you have
obtained permission that due to accident Miss Earhart
has postponed flight to late April or May.

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FROM



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WG Burbank Calif. 930am Mar 22, 1937.

Richard Southgate,

Washington

As you have doubtless read plane being returned for repairs probably ready for another start late April stop Grateful if you will do the appropriate notifying authorities involved expressing Miss Earharts appreciation their cooperation thus far and her hope that permissions etc may remain in force stop We are grateful for the Departments patient helpfulness and your personal interest.

Putnam.

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John Putnam
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San Jose
Santo Domingo
San Salvador
Guatemala
Port au Prince
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Managua
Panama
Colon
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March 24 1937

In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have received your telegram concerning the postponement of Miss Earhart's flight and have taken the necessary steps to arrange for the extension of the permissions for the various countries on the route.

I was very sorry to hear of Miss Earhart's unfortunate accident but was glad to learn that neither she nor the members of her crew were injured.

I find that the cost of telegrams has exceeded the original estimate and would accordingly appreciate your sending a check for an additional \$150 at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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Richard Southgate,
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences.

Mr. George P. Putnam,
Union Air Terminal,
Burbank, California.

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A true copy of
the signed original.

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BURBANK, CALIFORNIA
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March 31, 1937

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

My dear Mr. Southgate:

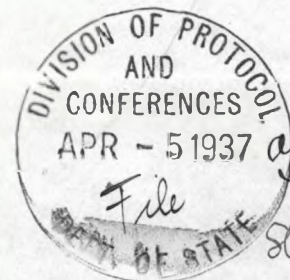
Thank you for your letter of
March 24th and for your further cooperation in
connection with Miss Earhart's delayed flight.

Herewith please find our check
for One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, and
additional deposit against the cost of
telegrams.

Very truly yours,

G. P. Putnam

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In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have received your letter of March 31, enclosing a check for \$150 as an additional deposit to cover telegraphic charges in arranging for Miss Earhart's flight.

Your account is being credited with the amount of the check.

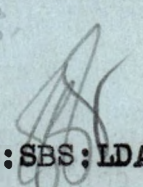
Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences.

Mr. G. P. Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 686

Caracas, April 9, 1937.

Subject: Permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to
Land at Quiriquire and Maracaibo on
her Proposed Flight Around the World.

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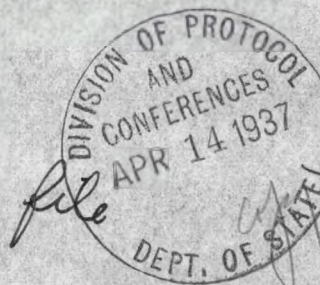
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

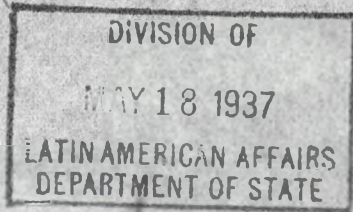
Sir:

With reference to the Department's telegram No.
14 of March 11, 6 p. m., requesting the Legation
to obtain permission for Miss Amelia Earhart to land
at Quiriquire and Maracaibo on her proposed flight around
the world, I have the honor to report that the Minister
for Foreign Affairs in a note dated today has transcribed
to me a communication, dated April 7, from the Minister
of Labor and Communications granting the desired per-
mission and adding "the exact date of Miss Earhart's
entrance into the country must be communicated to this
office



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& to Commerce
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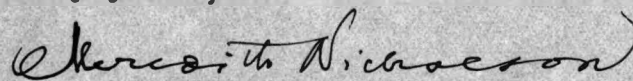
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office with due anticipation".

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Meredith Nicholson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Meredith Nicholson

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FROM GRAY

Paris

Dated April 22, 1937

Rec'd 3:20 p. m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

512, April 22, 5 p. m.

Department's circular, March 24, 11 a. m.

Netherlands authorities request information approximate date of arrival of Miss Earhart in Surinam as landing field there must be specially put in condition immediately before her arrival.

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Division of 2 West 45th Street,
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS New York City.

MAY 18 1937 May 5, 1937.

Department of State



Dear Mr. Southgate:

For your information it now appears that Miss Earhart will be able to renew her world flight attempt the latter part of May.

The original plan contemplated proceeding from Venezuela to Los Angeles via Central America and Mexico. Confidentially, because of increasing rains in that region it is now likely that she will attempt to fly from California, via a point in Texas, to Miami, and thence to Venezuela and on to Natal, via Porto Rico. — *that is, going West-East*

I believe that these changes will have no affect upon the permissions thus far received. The previous permissions, as you know, included the British possessions, French possessions, Italian possessions, Brazil, Venezuela, as well as Central America territory now eliminated.

Because of changed weather conditions it is now possible that the route in Africa may also be changed. Actual decision on this point will not be made until Miss Earhart reaches Dakar, when the condition of the season can be appraised.

As you recall, the previous route was more-or-less directly across Africa between Dakar and Aden, with a slight swing north to Kartoum. The revised route, if taken, will be approximately as follows: Dakar to Casa Blanca, Casa Blanca to Benghasi, Benghasi to Basra via Baghdad, Basra to Karachi. Will this revised route, if followed, require any further permissions, or revision of present permissions?

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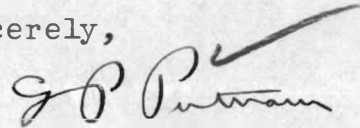
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For your information we are already favored with the kindly cooperation of Sir Francis Shelmerdine, who has granted everything necessary in connection with the British territories involved and which permissions will be revised to cover the changed routing necessary.

For your further information, the personnel of the expedition has been changed to the following extent: Previously Capt. Harry Manning had been listed as accompanying Miss Earhart. Due to the delay Captain Manning is now out of the picture and his place is being taken by Frederick Joseph Noonan. Incidentally, I am securing the necessary visas on Mr. Noonan's passport so that such visas will duplicate those already secured on Miss Earhart's passport.

Sincerely,



Richard Southgate, Esq.,
Division of Protocol & Conferences,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Paris, January 4, 1939.

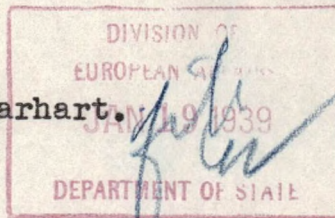
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies in French and office translation of certain documents which were handed to me on January 3 by M. Hoppenot, Chief of the Far Eastern section of the Foreign Office, when at his request I called upon him on that date.

These documents have to do with a report made by the Gendarmerie Brigade at Soulac-sur-Mer, Department of the Gironde, regarding the discovery on the beach at Soulac, on October 30, 1938, of a sealed bottle containing what purports.....

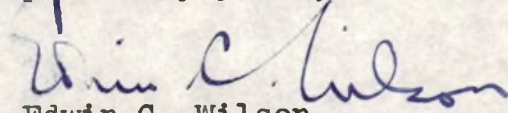
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purports to be messages concerning the disappearance and alleged whereabouts of Miss Amelia Earhart. I also enclose two photostatic copies of portions of these messages which were also given me by M. Hoppenot.

M. Hoppenot said that of course the chances were ninety-nine to one that these messages were a hoax, the work of an imposter or of someone out of his senses; on the other hand, there was always an outside chance that they might contain some element of truth and for this reason he had thought it desirable to hand them to me. He offered no explanation why the report, dated October 30, 1938, and transmitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Interior on December 2, had been communicated to me only on January 3, 1939.

The last document of the attached papers, dated November 26, 1938, refers to a conference on the previous day by M. de Bisschop, a French explorer, at the Geographical Society in Paris, in which M. de Bisschop mentioned certain aspects of his recent visit to the Marshall Islands which might possibly have some bearing on the information given in the papers found on the beach at Soulac-sur-Mer. The Assistant Naval Attaché of the Embassy has ascertained that M. de Bisschop is absent from Paris for a few days; he will endeavor to interview M. de Bisschop on the latter's return.

Respectfully yours,


Edwin C. Wilson
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Enclosures....

Enclosures:

1. Note from Minister of Interior
to Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dec. 2, 1938.
with photograph of writing (with original only)
2. Note from Prefect of Gironde, Nov. 21, 1938.
3. Note from Public Prosecutor at Lesparre, Nov. 18, 1938.
4. Procès-verbal, dated October 30, 1938.
5. Memorandum dated November 26, 1938.
6. Transl. of Encl. 1.
7. Transl. of Encl. 2.
8. Transl. of Encl. 3.
9. Transl. of Encl. 4.
10. Transl. of Enclosure 5.

In triplicate.

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VU AMELIA EARHART (AVIATRICE) ET DANS

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Enclosure No. 1 to Despatch No.
dated January 4, 1939,
from the American Embassy, Paris.

Paris, le 2 décembre 1938

P.A. N° 13.038/V

Le Ministre de l'Intérieur
(Direction Générale de la Sûreté Nationale)

à Monsieur le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères
(Cabinet)

a.s. de la disparition de
l'aviatrice Amélia Earhardt.

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser sous ce pli,
en le signalant à votre attention, un rapport en
copie de M. le Préfet de la Gironde du 21 novembre
dernier et annexes concernant la découverte sur la
plage de Soulac, le 30 octobre 1938, d'une bouteille
contenant un message dont l'expéditeur se dit ancien
compagnon de captivité de Miss Amelia Earhardt,
l'aviatrice américaine disparue, croit-on, au cours
d'une tentative de raid autour du monde, mais qui
serait prisonnière des autorités japonaises dans les
Iles Marshall, suivant les dires de l'auteur de ce
message ci-joint en photographie.

Vous voudrez bien trouver également ci-annexée
une note en copie de mes services relative à une
Conférence donnée le 25 novembre 1938 par un naviga-
teur bien connu, M. Eric de Bisschop, à la Société de
Géographie, 10 Avenue d'Iéna, sous la présidence de
M. le Général Perrier, de l'Institut, Président de la
Société.

M. de Bisschop a relaté notamment les cir-
constances dans lesquelles il a été soumis à un

interrogatoire

interrogatoire très serré par les autorités japonaises qui trouvaient sa présence même momentanée nettement indésirable dans les parages des Iles Marshall qu'aurait survolées avant de disparaître l'aviatrice américaine Amélia Earhardt.

Enclosure No. 2 to Despatch No. 3590
dated January 4, 1939
from the American Embassy, Paris.

COPY.

Bordeaux, le 21 novembre 1938

Le Préfet de la Gironde,

à Monsieur le Ministre de l'Intérieur

(Direction Générale de la Sûreté Nationale)
Cabinet du Directeur Général)

J'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre, sous ce pli,
un dossier relatif à la découverte, sur la plage de
Soulac-sur-Mer, d'une bouteille contenant des messages
dont l'expéditeur se dit ancien compagnon de captivité
de miss Amelia Earhardt, l'aviatrice américaine
disparue au cours d'une tentative du Tour du Monde.

Ce dossier m'a été adressé par M. le Procureur
de la République à Lesparre à toutes fins utiles.

Je ne puis que vous laisser le soin d'apprécier
s'il convient d'en saisir M. le Ministre des Affaires
Etrangères.

/rg

Enclosure No. 3 to Despatch No. 3590
dated January 4, 1939
from the American Embassy, Paris.

COPY.

PARQUET DE L'ESPARRE

Lesparre, le 18 novembre 1938

Le Procureur de la République

à Monsieur le Préfet de la Gironde

BORDEAUX

J'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre à toutes fins utiles le P.V. ci-joint de la Gendarmerie de Soulac, en date du 30 octobre 1938, auquel du point de vue judiciaire, je ne puis donner aucune suite.

/rg

COPY.

18° LEGION

GENDARMERIE NATIONALE

Compagnie de la
Gironde

Section de Lesparre

Brigade de Soulac-
sur-Mer

N° de la brigade:
139

du 30 octobre 1930(sic) conformément aux ordres de nos chefs

PROCES VERBAL
constatant
DECOUVERTE d'un
message, sur la
plage de SOULAC
sur-Mer (Gironde)

Ce jourd'hui trente octobre mil neuf cent
trente-huit à dix-neuf heures 15.

Nous soussigné DOURTHE Félix, gendarme
à la résidence de Soulac-s/ Mer département
de la Gironde, revêtu de notre uniforme et
du 30 octobre 1930(sic) conformément aux ordres de nos chefs

A notre caserne, s'y est présentée :

BARRAT, Geneviève, épouse LAMBERT, 37
ans, ménagère, demeurant à Soulac s/ Mer
(Gironde) qui nous a déclaré :

"Aujourd'hui 30 courant vers 17, je me
promenais sur la Plage en face "La Pergola".
J'ai vu au brisant des vagues une fiole.

La voyant bouchée hermétiquement j'ai
voulu me rendre compte de son contenu. A
l'intérieur il y avait trois papiers et une
mèche de cheveux.

Comme l'un de ces papiers spécifiait
de prévenir la gendarmerie, je vous remets
le tout".

Lecture faite, persiste et signe.

Cette fiole est d'une contenance de 10
centilitres. Au fond du verre, elle porte
l'inscription suivante: V.B.2.

Elle a été bouchée avec un bouchon de liège,
enduit de cire. Le goulet capsulé avec un
couvercle en aluminium, le tout mastiqué.

Les cheveux trouvés dans la bouteille
sont châtain-clair.

L'inscription

L'inscription sur les divers papiers est la suivante:

1°- Autre preuve mèche de cheveux

2°- "Que Dieu guide cette fiole, j'y confie ma vie et celle de mes compagnons de misère".

3°- En écriture ordinaire:

RECTO "Ai été prisonnier à Jalint (Marshall) par Japonais, dans prison de Jalint; Ai vu: Amelia Earhart (aviatrice) et dans autre geôle son mécanicien (homme) ainsi que d'autres détenus, pour soi-disant espionnage des fortifications gigantesques, qui sont construites dans l'Atoll.

EARHART et compagnon ont été repêchés par hydravion japonais, serviront comme otages dirent Japonais. Moi ai été prisonnier, car ai débarqué à MILATOLL. Mon yacht "VEVEO" coulé, équipage massacré (3 Maoris) le bateau (26 T) (Voilier) était muni de T.S.F. (suite au verso).

VERSO : Après avoir fait long stage dans JALINT (ou JALUIT) comme prisonnier, fût enrôlé de force comme marin soutier, simplement nourri, à bord "Nippon Nom? faisant route Europe, m'élèverai dès que cargot près de côte. Apportez ce message immédiatement à la gendarmerie pour que nous soyons sauvés.

Ce message a été lancé probablement au large de SANTANDER, arrivera sûrement en Vendée vers septembre ou au plus tard octobre 1938 (courant) suite dans la bouteille attachée à celle-ci Message n° 6".

En sténographie

Pour avoir plus de chance de pouvoir libérer Miss Amelia Earhart et son compagnon, ainsi que les autres prisonniers, il vaudrait mieux que les policiers arrivent

arrivent incognito à Jalint ? Je serai avec JO.....
eux et si j'arrive à m'évadercar si on demande
aux Japonais de libérer les prisonniers, ils diront
qu'ils n'ont aucun détenu à Jalint. Il faudrait donc
ruser pour l'envoi d'autres messages pour sauver les
détenus de Jalint. Au péril de ma vie, j'en enverrai
d'autres.

Cette bouteille sert de flotte à une deuxième
contenant l'histoire de ma vie et vide et quelques
objets ayant appartenu à Amelia Earhart. Ces documents
prouvent la vérité du récit en écriture ordinaire et
en sténographie et que j'ai approché Amelia Earhart...
pseudo-mort.

La deuxième fiole m'est égal.

J'écris sur mes genoux car j'ai très peu de
papier, pour empreintes digitales qu'ont pris les poli-
ciers. Autre avec pouce.

Message écrit à bord du cargo n° 6.

Ces objets ont été saisis et remis au Parquet.

La deuxième bouteille en question n'a pas été
trouvée.

Ière à Monsieur le Procureur de la
République à Lesparre

Deux expéditions:

2ème aux Archives

Fait et clos à Soulac s/mer le 30 octobre 1938

COPY.

P.A. N° 13.022/V

Paris, le 26 novembre 1938

a.s. de la disparition de l'aviatrice américaine Amélia Earhardt.

Le 25 novembre courant, M. Eric de Bisschop, navigateur français bien connu, a donné à la Société de Géographie, 10 Avenue d'Iéna à Paris, sous la présidence de M. le Général Perrier de l'Institut, Président de la Société, une très intéressante conférence sur son dernier voyage dans le Pacifique : "6 années d'aventure en jonque de Chine et pirogue de Polynésie".

Au cours de son exposé, M. de Bisschop a mentionné que s'étant arrêté aux Iles Marshall, il fut l'objet d'une réception extrêmement cordiale de la part des autorités japonaises jusqu'au moment précis où il vint à faire allusion à son passage devant "MILATOLL". Il vit soudain les visages se renfermer et prendre une expression nettement hostile.

Soupçonné d'espionnage, il fut aussitôt contraint de subir un interrogatoire très serré et il ne tarda pas à apprendre que son bateau était soumis à une visite particulièrement sévère. On ne découvrit évidemment rien et on lui rendit la liberté.

Le lendemain, M. de Bisschop reçut une corbeille de fruits magnifiques de la part des autorités japonaises qui les lui envoyaient avec les marques de la plus exquise politesse. Mais se souvenant peut-être à temps, dit-il, du célèbre vers de Virgile "TIMEO DANAOS et DONA FERENTES" il préféra s'abstenir de toucher à

ces

ces fruits dont il aurait eu cependant grand besoin dans la situation critique où il se trouvait à bord de son modeste bateau. Vingt-quatre heures après, des taches très suspectes apparaissaient, en effet, à leur surface et il s'empressa de jeter le tout à la mer.

Il n'est sans doute pas indifférent de signaler l'attitude inquiétante des autorités japonaises à l'égard de ceux que les hasards de la navigation poussent trop près des Iles Marshall où se trouvent certainement des ouvrages de la plus haute importance pour le Nippon et que ce pays tient essentiellement à ne pas faire connaître.

Il est difficile de ne pas faire un rapprochement entre cet incident et les détails contenus dans la note lancée dans une bouteille par un matelot inconnu, note qui donne certains renseignements sur la disparition de l'aviatrice américaine Amelia Earhardt et de son mécanicien.

Ces précisions, si étranges soient-elles, l'ont paru beaucoup moins, après avoir entendu la conférence de M. Eric de Bisschop; elles paraissent en tout cas susceptibles de retenir l'attention.

Les autorités navales américaines trouveraient vraisemblablement un certain intérêt à faire ce rapprochement et peut-être à demander des précisions à M. de Bisschop sur son escale mouvementée aux Iles Marshall.

Il est à noter que le conférencier a fait allusion dans son récit au passage de l'aviatrice américaine Amelia Earhardt dans ces parages du Pacifique au cours de sa tentative de raid autour du monde.

Enclosure #5 to Despatch No. 3590
dated January 4, 1939.
from the Embassy in Paris.

Paris, December 2, 1938.

The Minister of the Interior,
(General Direction of National Safety)

To the Minister of Foreign Affairs,
(Cabinet)

Re the disappearance of the aviatrix Amelia Earhart.

I have the honor to send you herewith, in calling your attention thereto, a copy of a report, with its enclosures, from the Prefect of the Gironde, dated November 21 last, concerning the discovery on the beach of Soulac, on October 30, 1938, of a bottle containing a message whose sender claims to be a former companion of captivity of Miss Amelia Earhart, the American aviatrix who is believed to have disappeared during an attempted long-distance flight around the world, but who is reported to be a prisoner of the Japanese authorities in the Marshall Islands, according to the statements of the author of this message, a photograph of which is transmitted herewith.

You will also find enclosed a copy of a note from my office concerning a lecture given on November 25, 1938, by a wellknown navigator, M. Eric de Bisschop, at the Geographical Society, 10 avenue d'Iéna, under the presidency of General Perrier of the Institute, President

of.....

of the Society.

M. de Bisschop related in particular the circumstances under which he was subjected to very close questioning by the Japanese authorities who found his presence, even momentarily, quite undesirable in the vicinity of the Marshall Islands, over which the American aviatrix, Amelia Earhart is reported to have flown before disappearing.

Enclosure #7 to Despatch No. 3590
dated January 4, 1939,
from the Embassy in Paris.

Bordeaux, November 21, 1938.

The Prefect of the Gironde

To the Minister of the Interior
(General Direction of National Safety)
(Cabinet of the General Director)

I have the honor to transmit herewith a dossier concerning the discovery, on the beach of Soulac-sur-Mer, of a bottle containing messages whose sender claims to be a former fellow-captive of Miss Amelia Earhart, the American aviatrix who disappeared during an attempted round the world flight.

This dossier was sent to me by the Public Prosecutor at Lesparre for such action as might be deemed advisable.

I can only leave to your judgment as to the propriety of submitting this matter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

ECW/FP

Enclosure #8 to Despatch No. 3590
dated January 4, 1939,
from the Embassy in Paris.

Lesparre, November 18, 1938.

Public Prosecutor's Office at LESPARRÉ

The District Attorney

To the Prefect of the Gironde,

Bordeaux.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for such
action as may be deemed advisable the enclosed procès-verbal
from the Soulac Gendarmerie, dated October 30, 1938,
concerning which, from a legal point of view, I can take
no action.

ECW/FP

Enclosure #9 to Despatch No. 3590
dated January 4, 1939,
from the Embassy in Paris.

NATIONAL GENDARMERIE

18th Legion

Company of the Gironde

Division of Lesparre

Soulac-sur-Mer Brigade

Brigade's No. 139
of October 30, 1938.

Procès-verbal regarding the discovery
of a message on the beach of Soulac-
sur-Mer, (Gironde)

This thirtieth day of October nineteen hundred and
thirty-eight at 9.15 P.M.

We, the undersigned, Felix DOURTHE, resident gendarme
at Soulac-sur-Mer, department of the Gironde, dressed in
our uniform, and in conformity with the orders of our
superiors,

Appeared at our barracks:

BARRAT, Geneviève, wife LAMBERT, 37 years old, housewife,
residing at Soulac-sur-Mer, (Gironde), who declared to us:

"To-day, the 30th instant, at about 5 P.M., I was
walking along the beach opposite "La Pergola". I saw a
bottle floating on the waves.

Seeing that it was hermetically corked, I wanted to
find out its contents. Inside there were three sheets
of paper and a lock of hair.

Since one of the documents specified that the police
should be notified, I am giving them all to you."

Read.....

Read, approved and signed.

This bottle is of a content of 10 centiliters.

At the bottom of the glass it is marked as follows: V.B.2.

It was closed with a cork and covered with wax.

The neck of the bottle has been capsuled with an aluminium lid and covered with cement.

The hair found in the bottle is light brown.

The inscription on the documents is as follows:

1. Further proof: a lock of hair.
2. "May God guide this bottle. I entrust to it my life and that of my companions in misery."
3. In ordinary handwriting:

RECTO: "Have been prisoner at Jalint (Marshall) of Japanese in a prison at Jalint. Have seen: Amelia Earhart (aviatrix) and in another prison her mechanic (man), as well as other prisoners held for so-called espionage of the gigantic fortifications which are built at Atoll.

Earhart and her companion were picked up by a Japanese seaplane and will be held as hostages, say the Japanese. I was a prisoner because I debarked at Mila Atoll. My yacht "Viveo" sunk, crew massacred (3 Maoris), the boat (26 T) (sailing boat) was supplied with wireless. (remainder on reverse side.)

VERSO: Having remained a long time at Jalint (or Jaluit) as prisoner, was enrolled by force as bunker-hand, simply fed, on board "Nippon NOM?" going to Europe. Shall escape as soon as the boat is near the coast. Take this message immediately to the Gendarmerie in order that we may be saved.

This.....

This message was probably thrown off Santander, and will surely arrive at the Vendée towards September or at the latest in October 1938, remainder in the bottle tied to this one, Message No.6."

In shorthand.

In order to have more chance of freeing Miss Amelia Earhart and her companion, as well as the other prisoners, it would be preferable that policemen should arrive incognito at Jalint ? I shall be with JO.....eux and if I succeed in escaping.....for if the Japanese are asked to free the prisoners they will say that they have no prisoners at Jalint. It will therefore be necessary to be crafty in order to send further messages to save the prisoners of Jalint. At the risk of my life, I shall send further messages.

This bottle serves as a float to a second bottle containing the story of my life and.....empty, and a few objects having belonged to Amelia Earhart. These documents prove the truth of the story in ordinary writing and shorthand and that I have approached Amelia Earhart.....believed to be dead.

The second bottle doesn't matter.

I am writing on my knees for I have very little paper, for finger prints taken by the police. Another with thumb.

Message written on the cargo boat, No.6."

These objects were seized and handed to the

Office.....

Office of the Public Prosecutor.

The second bottle in question was not found.

1st copy to the Public Prosecutor at Lesparre.

2nd copy placed in the archives.

Done and sealed at Soulac-sur-Mer, October 38, 1938.

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Enclosure #10 to Despatch No. 3590
dated January 4, 1939,
from the Embassy in Paris

Paris, November 26, 1938.

On November 25 of this year, M. Eric de Bisschof, wellknown French navigator, gave at the Geographical Society, 10 avenue d'Iéna, Paris, under the presidency of General Perrier of the Institute, President of the Society, a very interesting lecture on his last voyage in the Pacific: "Six Years of adventure in a Chinese junk and a Polynesian canoe".

In the course of his remarks, M. de Bisschof mentioned that, having stopped off at the Marshall Islands, he was very cordially received by the local Japanese authorities until he mentioned passing by Mila Atoll. He suddenly saw their faces change and take on a distinctly hostile expression.

Suspected of spying, he was immediately made to undergo very close questioning and he soon learnt that his boat had been submitted to a particularly severe inspection. Naturally nothing was discovered and he was released.

The next day M. de Bisschop received a basket of magnificent fruit from the Japanese authorities who sent it with marks of the most exquisite politeness. But remembering, perhaps in time, he said, the celebrated verses of Virgil "I fear the Greeks even bringing gifts", he preferred to abstain from touching

this.....

this fruit which he really needed very badly because of the critical situation in which he found himself on board his modest boat. Twenty-four hours later very suspicious spots appeared on the outside of the fruit and he hurriedly threw it all into the sea.

It is perhaps not without interest to point out the disquieting attitude of the Japanese authorities as regards those persons which the hazards of navigation bring too close to the Marshall Islands where there are certainly constructions of the highest importance to Japan and which this country is most anxious not to have known.

It is difficult not to connect this incident and the details contained in the note in the bottle thrown overboard by an unknown sailor, a note which gives certain information concerning the disappearance of the American aviatrix Amelia Earhart and her mechanic.

These details, however strange they may seem, appeared a great deal less strange after hearing M. Eric de Bisschop's lecture; in any case they appear worthy of attention.

The American naval authorities may possibly find it of interest to make this parallel and perhaps ask M. de Bisschop for further details concerning his eventful call at the Marshall Islands.

It should be noted that the lecturer alluded in his account to the passage of the American aviatrix Amelia Earhart in these waters of the Pacific during her attempted round the world flight.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Paris, January 8, 1939

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after 12 years

DIVISION OF
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
JAN 19 1939

Subject: Miss Amelia Earhart.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to my despatch No. 3590 of January 4, 1939, regarding messages which purport to throw light on the disappearance of Miss Amelia Earhart, and to enclose herewith a copy of a memorandum from Assistant Naval Attaché Hillenkoetter regarding his conversation with the French explorer, M. de Bisschop.

Respectfully yours,

Edwin C. Wilson
Edwin C. Wilson

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Enclosure:

1. Memorandum, Jan. 7, 1939.

In triplicate

ECW/FP

800.79611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/211 US/LW

C O P Y

Enclosure No. 1 to Despatch No. **3605**
of January 8, 1939, from the Embassy
at Paris.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
Office of the Naval Attaché,
2, Avenue Gabriel,
Paris.

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7 January 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILSON:

The Assistant Naval Attaché interviewed M. de Bisschop at his residence at 96 Avenue Mozart in Paris, but found little additional information there. M. de Bisschop said he had visited Honolulu in 1937 and had given Admiral Yarnell and Commander Kilpatrick all the information he possessed about defense works in the Marshalls. At Jaluit he had seen shells for three-inch guns, but did not actually see the guns themselves. Also there, the Japanese have dredged and dragged the harbor and entrance channels until they were much larger and freer from obstructions than are shown on current charts. The Japanese themselves have completed new charts for Jaluit and also other places in the Marshalls, but are holding such charts as confidential and do not have them for sale or distribution. M. de Bisschop said that when he came off Jaluit in his sailing ship he was piloted in by an official motor boat, as he could get no charts of the new channel, which, however, corresponds roughly, except being larger, with the channel as shown on navigational charts.

Among other things noticed at Jaluit was an airplane ramp, for hauling out seaplanes, and also an airplane hangar and some small repair shops and storehouses. It was said that construction on a concrete dock was to begin

there . . .

there shortly. It was also learned that on each of the smaller islands where there are any Japanese settled, is a radio transmitting and receiving set, although these are not shown in any official list of radio stations (except Jaluit).

As regards Mila Atoll, M. de Bisschop said that he could only learn that considerable work in dredging and building was going on. Just what he could not say. It is held so closely confidential that even Japanese merchant ships are not allowed to visit there. Coal, munitions (3-inch shells and dynamite sticks) and other supplies are brought to Jaluit by regular Japanese merchant vessels; there, they are transhipped to a small navy transport (about 1000 tons) manned by regular officers and men of the Japanese Navy, which carries the supplies from Jaluit to Mila Atoll.

As far as the story about Miss Earhart and other people kept prisoners on Jaluit is concerned, M. de Bisschop said that while possible, he did not believe it. He said that it was much easier to find someone accidentally (?) drowned than to keep them prisoners. He had heard from natives there that before his visit one such white man who had visited Jaluit was found drowned one day but with indications that he had been struck over the head first. The natives declared that this man was rumored to have been an American spy.

M. de Bisschop now is building a boat after a South Seas model in which he and his wife expect to leave the

Riviera . . .

Riviera in April, proceed through the Panama Canal to Tahiti, pick up stores, and then go to the Marquesas where he expects to live. He said he much preferred living out in the Islands than in France. He is extremely friendly to Americans, particularly the Navy, as he said they had always given him help, assistance and good friendship, especially in Manila and Honolulu. Among officers he declared that he knew very well are Admiral Yarnell, Captain Kilpatrick, Admiral LePreton and Commander C. D. Leffler. Mrs. de Bisschop is an American citizen, a half-breed Hawaiian, very affable, and extremely pro-American. They were married in Honolulu in 1937.

Respectfully,

(Signed): R. H. HILLENKOETTER.

2 Carbon Copy
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In reply refer to
BA 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia
Earhart/204 *209*

July 18, 1938

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
10042 Valley Spring Lane,
North Hollywood, California.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 26, 1938 enclosing a check for \$375.06 and requesting that this amount be used to pay the sum of £75 Australian to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for the expenses involved in the search in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands for Mrs. George Palmer Putnam (Amelia Earhart).

There is now enclosed copy of despatch no. 616 dated June 23, 1938 from the American Charge d'Affaires ad interim at London, England, together with his original account and vouchers in support of the payment of £75 Australian which at the rate of exchange on the date of payment was equivalent to \$298.95. The difference between this sum and the amount of your deposit is refunded herewith by check drawn payable to your order in the amount of \$76.11.

Very truly yours,

Geo. B. Stambaugh
Acting Chief, Bureau of Accounts

Enclosures:

Check for \$76.11
Account as stated.

BA:SC/HW

TRUE COPY OF
SIGNED ORIGINAL *Geo. B. Stambaugh*

US KEC

800.79611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/209

May 8 1937

In reply refer to
PC

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have received your letter of May 5, 1937, concerning the possibility that Miss Earhart will renew her world flight the latter part of May.

It will be necessary to advise the governments concerned of the changes in the plans for the flight. This would be particularly important if the route were altered, as you suggest may be done in the case of Africa.

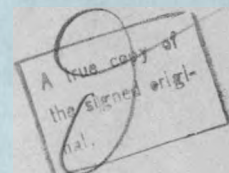
This matter was discussed informally with an officer of the Department of Commerce, who stated that in view of the changed circumstances it would be necessary to issue a new letter of authority for the flight. He suggested that you be advised to communicate directly with the Department of Commerce, furnishing the latest information concerning Miss Earhart's plans.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.

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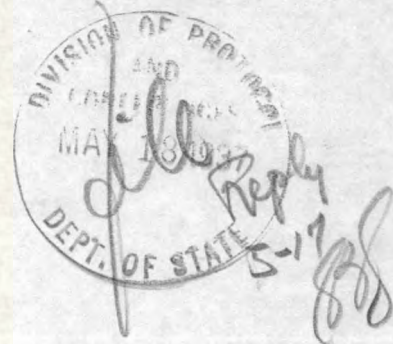
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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

With reference to the proposed around-the-world flight of Miss Amelia Earhart, we are in receipt of a letter, dated May 10, 1937, requesting renewal of the permission, in view of the revised direction of the route which is to be flown.

The flight, as now contemplated, will proceed from West to East over practically the same route as originally contemplated and for which, permissions have been heretofore obtained, as indicated in the letter, dated March 5, 1937, from Mr. Richard Southgate, Chief of the Division of Protocol and Conferences, to Mr. George Palmer Putnam.

The route from Dakar to Karachi will either be directly via Kartoun and Aden, or via Casa Blanca, Benghazi, Basra via Baghdad to Karachi.

The aircraft to be used on the flight is Lockheed, model Electra 10-E, serial number 1055, restricted license NR-16020, recorded as owned by Miss Amelia Earhart, Rye, New York. The pilot of the aircraft will be Miss Amelia Earhart, who holds transport pilot license No. 5716. It is understood that Mr. Frederick J. Noonan will be part of the crew and will act in the capacity of navigator. Mr. Noonan is not a licensed airman.

It is understood that the subject aircraft has been thoroughly repaired after its recent accident. Undoubtedly, these repairs will be approved upon inspection by an inspector of this Department within the course of a day or two. Therefore, this Department perceives no objection to the flight and it is requested that the State Department go forward with the matter of notifying the various foreign Governments involved with respect to the changes of dates in the itinerary.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Johnson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

800.79611-PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/122

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May 18 1937

In reply refer to
PC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received your letter of May 14, 1937, with further reference to Miss Amelia Earhart's around-the-world flight.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of a letter of even date to Mr. Putnam, concerning the arrangements which are being made to permit Miss Earhart to resume her flight.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

B. Walton Moore

~~B. Walton Moore~~

Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure:

To Mr. Putnam, with
copy of enclosure thereto.

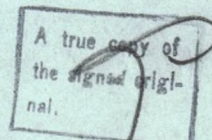
The Honorable

Daniel C. Roper,

Secretary of Commerce.

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May 15, 1937.

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SYDNEY (AUSTRALIA)

Inform authorities that Miss Earhart will resume
flight, in about a week, over same route but proceeding
~~westward~~ ^{eastward} from Miami rather than ~~eastward~~ ^{westward} from San Francisco.

Same to Amembassy, Rio de Janeiro, and to Amlegations at
Bangkok, Ciudad Trujillo, Port-au-Prince and Caracas.

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Letter to Mrs. Putnam
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MAY 11 1937

2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

May 10, 1937.

Dear Mr. Southgate:

Thank you for your letter of May 8th.
In accordance with your word I am today taking up the
matter of a new letter of authority from the Depart-
ment of Commerce. I am writing to Colonel Johnson.

I am advised from our representative in
London (Count Jacques de Sibour) that the necessary has
been done with Sir Francis Sheldermine and the per-
missions have been extended as to date and covering
the revised flight so far as concerns British territory.

I am assuming that you will do the necessary
as to the rest of it. The matter of the possible
revision of the route in Africa cannot be determined
until Miss Earhart arrives in Dakar. The exact course
then will depend upon the state of the season. It will
probably follow the original route directly to Aden.
However, we request permission, which will permit the swing
to the north, as outlined in my letter of May 5th.

Again thanking you for your kindly co-
operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G P Putnam

Richard Southgate, Esq.,
Division of Protocol & Conferences,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

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In reply refer to
PC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have received your letter of May 10, 1937, with further reference to Miss Earhart's plans for resuming her flight around the world.

The governments of the countries on the route are being notified that Miss Earhart is resuming the flight in an easterly direction and is substituting Mr. Noonan for Captain Manning. In addition, permission is being requested for the alternate route across Africa. If Miss Earhart follows this route, she should be advised to avoid the territory of Rio de Oro, which is Spanish and for which permission cannot be obtained due to the unsettled conditions in Spain.

Attention is invited to previous correspondence and particularly my letter of March 5, setting forth the conditions and restrictions with respect to the permissions for the various countries. In the case of Surinam (Netherland Guiana), the local authorities should be notified as far in advance as possible of the date of arrival, since the landing field must be specially put in condition immediately before Miss Earhart's arrival.

The permission which you previously requested for landings at Quiriquire and Maracaibo, Venezuela, has now been granted, and a copy of the notification from the American Minister at Caracas is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

A true copy of
the signed original.

Richard Southgate,
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences.

Enclosure:

From Legation, Caracas,
No. 686, April 9, 1937.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
Union Air Terminal,
Burbank, California.

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Paris

DIVISION OF WESTERN
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

MAY 20 1937

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Dated May 18, 1937

Rec'd 1 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

639, May 18, 4 p.m.

Department's 220, May 15, 2 p.m.

Should permissions be requested for Rio de Oro,
Palestine, Syria, Iraq and Persia? If permission for
Rio de Oro is desired what authorities should be approached?
Is use of telegraph authorized?

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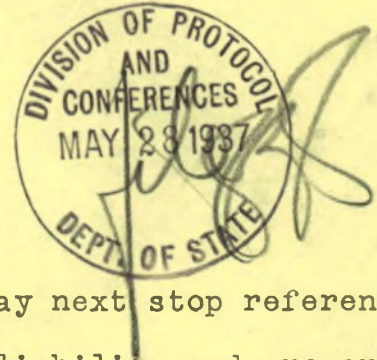
Retel date Miami departure probably Tuesday next stop reference foreign offices inquiry full third party liability and property damage insurance carried believe this covered in previous correspondence stop. Nature permissions and route suggestions noted all which transmitting to Desibour requesting final instructions for Earhardt at Dakar

George Palmer Putnam

128am May 28



*Mr. Putnam's representative
in London*



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PARIS (FRANCE)

DIVISION OF
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229 Your 639, May 18, 4 p.m.

Request permissions for Palestine, Syria, Iraq
and Iran but not for Rio de Oro which Miss Earhart
has been advised to avoid. Use of telegraph authorized.

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800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/125

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1937

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York City.



Dear Mr. Putnam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 10, 1937, with reference to the renewal of permission for Miss Amelia Earhart's around-the-world flight, with a change in the itinerary by reason of the fact that the flight will proceed from West to East rather than from East to West as originally contemplated.

In view of the fact that the route is approximately the same as originally contemplated, no objection is perceived to changing the direction of the flight. Accordingly, permission is hereby granted for foreign flight, in accordance with the terms of the authority granted on March 12, 1937, except for the substitution of Mr. Frederick J. Noonan as navigator in place of Mr. Harry Manning, subject to approval of the aircraft after completion of repairs.

This authorization is supplemental to that issued to Miss Earhart under date of March 12, 1937, and should be attached thereto.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) J. M. JOHNSON

J. M. Johnson,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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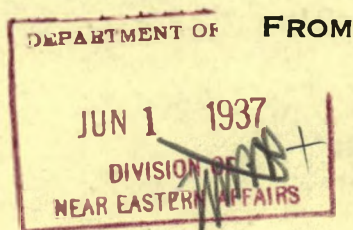
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Paris

Dated May 26, 1937

Rec'd 7:30 a.m.



Secretary of State,
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681. May 26, noon.

Department's 229, May 19, 5 p.m.

Permission granted for Iran.

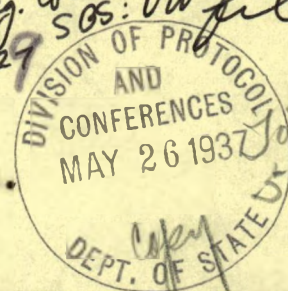
French authorities indicate verbally that flight eastward across Sahara is too dangerous at this season and that suggested route via Casablanca and thence north of 34th parallel alone will be authorized. Definite date of departure requested.

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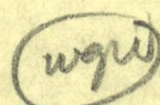
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FROM

Dated May 26 1937.

Received 11:45 AM

Secretary of State,
Washington.

683 May 26, 5 p.m.

Department's 229 May 19, 5 p.m.

Permission granted for Palestine and Transjordan
provided third party insurance is effected for appropriate
amount under Rome Convention. British Foreign Office
suggests route along Iranian coast of Persian Gulf as
flights over Arabian coast not permitted.

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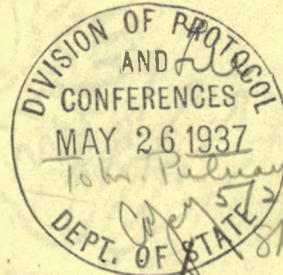
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May 26, 1937.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, New York.

Following cable received from American Embassy Paris:
QUOTE Permission granted for Iran.

French authorities indicate verbally that flight
eastward across Sahara is too dangerous at this season
and that suggested route via Casablanca and thence north
of 34th parallel alone will be authorized. Definite
date of departure requested.

Permission granted for Palestine and Transjordan
provided third party insurance is effected for appropriate
amount under Rome Convention. British Foreign Office
suggests route along Iranian coast of Persian Gulf as
flights over Arabian coast are not permitted UNQUOTE

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Dated May 29, 1937

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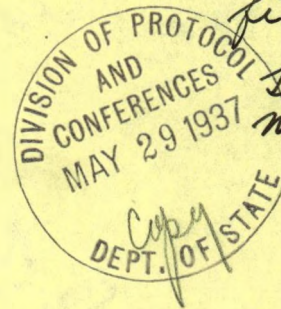
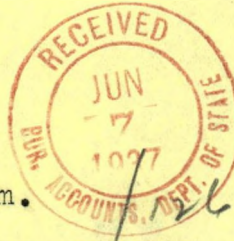
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Secretary of State,
Washington.

700, May 29, 1 p.m.

Department's 229, May 19, 5 p.m.

Permission granted for Iraq.



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Washington,

May 27, 1937.

MR. GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM,

COLUMBUS HOTEL,

MIAMI (FLORIDA).

Although permission granted for ^{Iran} (Persia), Department
can give no assurances that Miss Earhart will not
encounter difficulties in that country in view of
experience of American aviators in London-Melbourne race.
See New York TIMES October 25, 1934.

Acting Secretary of State.

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Paris

Dated June 2, 1937

Rec'd 12:45 p. m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

719, June 2, 6 p. m.

Embassy's 681, May 26, noon.

French authorities now authorize flight by either of alternate routes subject to the following conditions as concerns the second route.

One. Governor General of French West Africa's order of September 12, 1935, relating to flight over desert regions must be observed; in particular either the coastal route St. Louis-Port Etienne or the Sahara trail St. Louis-Nouak Chottatar Tindouf must be followed.

Two. In Algeria a route north of the 34th parallel must be followed.

Three. Forbidden zones and usual regulations must be respected.

Landing at Casablanca authorized.

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Inform authorities of countries from which you
have obtained permissions that Miss Earhart will resume
flight in about one week over same route but proceeding
~~eastward~~ ^{westward} from Miami rather than ~~eastward~~ ^{westward} from San
Francisco. Frederick Joseph Noonan substituted for
Harry Manning. Request permissions for alternate route
from Dakar to Karachi via Casa Blanca, French Morocco,
Benghasi, Libya, and Baghdad and Basra, Iraq.

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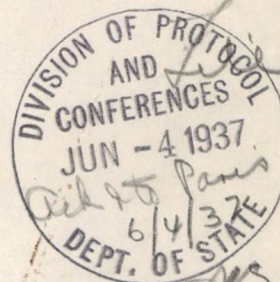
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RETEL PLEASE REQUEST FRENCH AUTHORITIES ACQUAINT MISS EARTHART WHEN SHE
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June 4, 1937.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

As requested in your telegram today the American Embassy in Paris is being instructed by cable to ask the French authorities to inform Miss Earhart concerning the route over Africa, upon her arrival at Dakar.

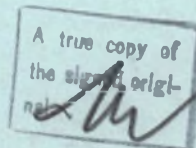
Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, New York.

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Permission granted for Iraq. Following telegram

received from Paris:

QUOTE French authorities now authorize flight by
either of alternate routes subject to the following
conditions as concerns the second route.

One. Governor General of French West Africa's order
of September 12, 1935, relating to flight over desert
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Route St. Louis-Port Etienne or the Sahara trail St. Louis-
Nouak Chottatar Tindouf must be followed.

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must be followed.

Three. Forbidden zones and usual regulations must
be respected.

Landing at Casablanca authorized. UNQUOTE

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PARIS (FRANCE)

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Request French authorities to furnish 'Miss Earhart'
with information contained in your No. 719, June 2, 6 p.m.,
upon her arrival at Dakar.

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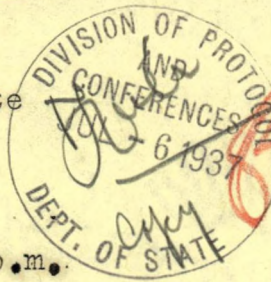
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SYDNEY N.S.W. VIA
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Dated July 3, 1937

Received 2:42 p.m.

Secretary of State
Washington



July 3, 10 p.m.

Amalgamated Wireless state information received that report from ~~Peru~~ **"NAURU"** was sent to Bolinas radio "at 6.31, 6.43 and 6.54 p.m. Sydney time today on 48.31 meters, fairly strong signals, speech not intelligible, no hum of plane in background but voice similar that emitted from plane in flight last night between 4.30 and 9.30 p.m." Message from plane when at least 60 miles south of Nauru received 8.30 p.m., Sydney time, July second saying "a ship in sight ahead". Since identified as steamer MYRTLE BANK which arrived Nauru daybreak today. Reported no contact between Itasca and Nauru radio. Continuous watch being maintained by Nauru radio and Suva radio.

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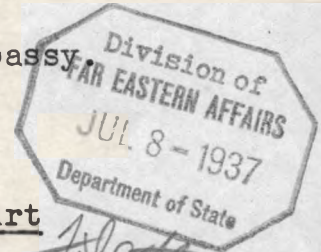
July 5, 1937

CONVERSATION:

Mr. Tsuneo Hayama,
Second Secretary, Japanese Embassy

Mr. Ballantine.

800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart
Subject: Search for Plane of Amelia Earhart



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Mr. Hayama informed Mr. Ballantine over the telephone that the Japanese Embassy had received an urgent telegram from Tokyo asking that inquiry be made of this Government whether the Japanese Government could be of assistance in connection with the search for Amelia Earhart, in view of the fact that Japan had radio stations and warships in the Marshall Islands. Mr. Ballantine expressed his appreciation of the kind offer of the Japanese Government and said that he would refer it at once to the authorities of the American Government.

Mr. Ballantine got into touch with Mr. Hornbeck who communicated with Admiral Leahy. Mr. Ballantine then communicated to Mr. Hayama the reply of Admiral Leahy, which reply Mr. Hornbeck had relayed to Mr. Ballantine. Mr. Ballantine told Mr. Hayama that the Navy had received a faint message which offered a clue that Miss Earhart's plane might be down at a spot about 200 miles north of Howland Island, that the U.S.S. LEXINGTON was now on its way to the spot from the Pacific Coast, and the COLORADO from Honolulu, but that as the spot in question was some days sailing distant, if the Japanese Government had any

vessels

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vessels which could reach the spot earlier any assistance they could give would be appreciated. Mr. Ballantine said that the search was being directed by the Naval Commandant at Honolulu, and suggested that the Japanese Navy get into touch with the Commandant for latest developments and in regard to arrangements for cooperation. Mr. Hayama said that the Embassy would telegraph Tokyo immediately.

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July 6, 1937

CONVERSATION:

Mr. Tsuneo Hayama,
Second Secretary, Japanese Embassy.

Mr. Turner.

Subject: Search for plane of Amelia Earhart.

Mr. Hayama telephoned that the Naval Attaché of the Japanese Embassy had been informed that the Japanese Navy Department had instructed the survey ship KOSHU, 2500 tons, which is now somewhere in the South Seas, to take part in the search for the airplane of Miss Earhart and to get into touch with Japanese vessels near the place where Miss Earhart's airplane is reported to have been lost.

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Dated July 7, 1937

Rec'd 2:50 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

446. July 7, 6 p.m.

Following telegram from Ruth Bisbee, lecturer, University of Liverpool, is repeated in the remote possibility that it may be helpful:

"re Earhart: 281 probably refers to latitude north of Equator or north of Howland, for example, two degrees 8 minutes or 28 minutes which is nearer Howland than present area of search. Could suggestion be forwarded".

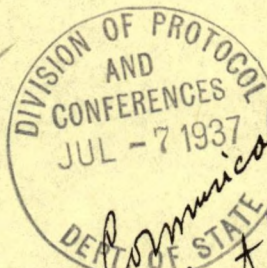
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Baghdad, June 2, 1937.

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Subject: Permission for Flight of Miss Amelia
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

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With reference to a telegram dated May 20, 4 p.m.,
1937, which the Legation received from the American Embassy
at Paris requesting it to obtain permission for Miss Amelia
Earhart to fly over Iraq on an around-the-world flight, I
have the honor to enclose, in confirmation of my telegram of
May 28, 11 a.m. to Paris, a copy in translation of a note
from the Foreign Office stating that the Iraqi authorities
have no objection to the flight over Iraqi territory if Miss
Earhart's passport and the passports of the persons traveling
with her are legally in order.

In this connection, I may add that both the Chief of
Protocol of the Foreign Office and the Director of the Baghdad
Airport have pointed out in discussing this case that it is

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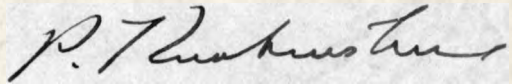
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not necessary to obtain prior permission to fly over Iraqi territory. However, the Iraqi authorities desire to be informed as many hours in advance as possible of the time of arrival of persons intending to land at airports in Iraq.

Respectfully yours,



P. Knabenshue.

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Enclosure:
Copy of note from
Foreign Office.

Copy to American Embassy, Paris.

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Enclosure to Despatch No. 801 - Diplomatic - dated
June 1, 1937, from American Legation, Baghdad, Iraq.

TRANSLATION

Iraq Government
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Division of Consular Affairs

No. 5755/75/18

Baghdad, May 29, 1937.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the American Legation at Baghdad and with reference to the Legation's note No. 361 of May 21, 1937 has the honor to advise that the Iraqi authorities have no objection to the flight over Iraqi territory of Miss Amelia Earhart in her airplane if her passport and the passports of the persons traveling with her are legally in order.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to express the assurance of its highest consideration and respect.

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American Legation,
Baghdad.

July 18 1937

In reply refer to
PC 800.79611-Putnam, Amelia Earhart/142

RD

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and encloses a copy of a despatch from the American Legation at Baghdad concerning permission for the flight of Miss Amelia Earhart.

It will be noted that advance permission is not necessary for flights over the territory of Iraq, notification of arrival being the only requirement.

Enclosure:
From Legation, Baghdad,
No. 801, June 2, 1937.

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The authorities of the Navy Department and the relatives of Miss Earhart express the opinion that if Miss Earhart's plane was forced down on the ocean it may have drifted, because of the prevailing currents, in the general direction of the Gilbert Islands.

In view of the urgency of the time element involved, please endeavor to advise the appropriate authorities of the Japanese Government immediately of these facts and state to them that ~~this Government~~ because of the generous offer of assistance tendered by the Japanese Government and because of the continuing interest which the Japanese Government has taken in the search for Miss Earhart's plane, your Government ^{suggests} requests that if any suitable vessels or airplanes of the Japanese Government are located in or near the Gilbert Islands they may be asked to be on the lookout for Miss Earhart's plane.

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Please telegraph such reply as may be made to you
by the Japanese Government.

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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
JUL 10 1937
MR. WELLES

FROM

GRAY

Tokyo

Dated July 11, 1937

Rec'd 11:55 p. m. 10th

Secretary of State
Washington

Telegram to Tokyo

Division of
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS
JUL 14 1937
Department of State

RUSH 188, July 11, 11 a.m.

Department's 107, July 10, 2 p.m.

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Contents of Department's telegram under reference communicated immediately to senior aide to the Navy Minister who stated that no Japanese aircraft in that area but survey ship KOS-HU has proceeded toward Marshall Islands and should now be there. Japanese radio stations have been ordered to be on continuous watch for Earhart signals and many Japanese fishing craft in and to east of Marshall Islands have been instructed to be on lookout. The senior aide expressed greatest willingness to cooperate.

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE
ON INTERNAL REVENUE TAXATION

House of Representatives U.S.
Washington, D.C.

July 10, 1937.

Hon. Cordell Hull,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.



July 19 1937

My dear Mr. Secretary:-

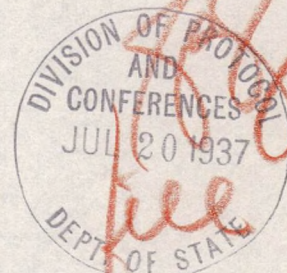
I enclose herewith, for your information and consideration, letter from Mr. C. E. Shippey of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in which he suggests that the unfortunate Earhart incident may offer an opportunity for strengthening the bonds of friendship between the United States and Japan.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen G. Treadway

Note - 7/11/37

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61 Wood Avenue,
Pittsfield, Mass.,
July 8th, 1937.

Hon. Allen T. Treadway,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Perhaps, many people are bemoaning the actual cost of the Earhart Disaster, but owing to the fact that Japan has sent several vessels to aid in the mercy search the U. S. News Agencies should use the incident to promote a better feeling of understanding between the people of the two nations, and too, if our State Department is "on its toes" it will use the situation as an opportune happening for the embarking on a definite Asiatic Policy.

With Europe virtually divided into two military camps, war is inevitable, unless the U. S. can devise some immediate solution. According to my logic, if our country will "iron out" certain matters with Japan at this time, acting entirely independent of England, the procedure should act as a brake on the European nations in their warlike preparations.

For a more mutual understanding with Japan we might, first, change our immigration laws, placing Japan on an equality basis, with other nations; secondly, to enter into a compact with Japan guaranteeing the Philippines their independence; thirdly, to retire from China and all other Asiatic points.

Yes! I know these ideas are not new but I could not refrain from writing you at this time, stressing conditions, for our country could return from Asia gracefully now and in the interests of world peace.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Respectfully,

C. E. SHIPPEY

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington,

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AMEMBASSY

LONDON (ENGLAND)

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Navy Department requests authorization for aircraft squadrons from USS LEXINGTON to search Gilbert Islands for Amelia Earhart if necessary. Expedite reply.

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FROM London

Dated July 13, 1937

Rec'd 9 a.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

RUSH.

463. July 13, 1 p.m.

Department's 289, July 12, 2 p.m.

Foreign Office advises authorization granted.

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Searching of Gilbert Islands for Amelia Earhart
by aircraft from USS LEXINGTON.

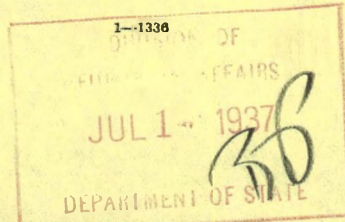
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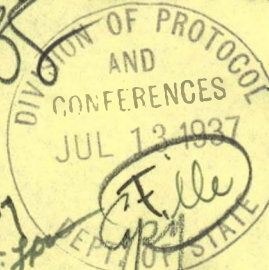
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

July 12, 1937.

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Mr. Welles:

On considering this matter,
I believe that, as you suggested,
the action indicated should be
taken at once.

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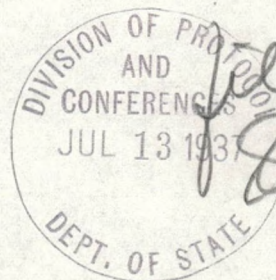
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MEMORANDUM

Commander Hustvedt of the Navy Department telephoned to say that the Commandant of the Fourteenth Naval District at Hawaii had requested that permission be obtained for aircraft squadrons from the USS LEXINGTON to make a search of the Gilbert Islands for Miss Amelia Earhart if necessary.

Commander Hustvedt also stated that a naval plane had landed at Hull Island in the Phoenix group. He said that he thought it would be advisable to notify the British authorities but that he would first discuss with Mr. Hill of our Legal Adviser's office the question of sovereignty over the Phoenix Islands.

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N.B. Cmdr. Hustvedt called later to say that Mr. Hill had advised him that we do not recognize British sovereignty over Hull Island. Accordingly, the British authorities should not be advised of the landing of the naval plane. No notice was given to the British when the recent eclipse expedition visited the Phoenix Islands.

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AMEMBASSY,

TOKYO (Japan).

DIVISION OF
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✓ Your 188, July 11, 11 a.m.,

Please convey immediately to whatever authorities
you consider appropriate expression of your Government's
appreciation of Japanese Government's cooperation.

800.79611 Putnam

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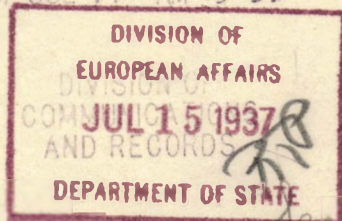
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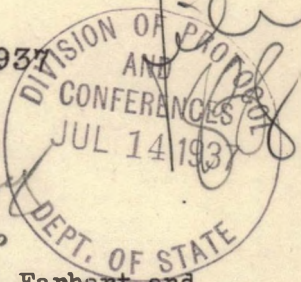
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13 July 1937



Sir:

The progress of the search for Miss Amelia Earhart and her navigator indicates that it may become desirable in the near future to extend searching operations by means of aircraft to the area comprised within the Gilbert Islands and to the shores of those islands. The Navy Department wishes to inform the Commandant Fourteenth Naval District at Honolulu that extension of the search to this area is authorized in case he may find it necessary.

It is accordingly requested that appropriate diplomatic notification be made regarding possible visits of the searching aircraft to the Gilbert Islands and the surrounding territorial waters in the near future. In view of the time limitations involved, it is requested that the necessary diplomatic arrangements be made by cable.

This confirms a telephone conversation on the subject between officers of the State and Navy Departments.

Respectfully,

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

William D. Leahy

WILLIAM D. LEAHY
Admiral, U. S. N.
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

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LONDON (ENGLAND)

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Department's 289, July 12, 2 P.M., and your 463,

July 13, 1 P.M.

Developments of the search have led to the dispatch of the Coast Guard cutter Itasca and the Navy minesweeper Swan to the Gilbert Islands to make a careful search of the uninhabited islands and to establish contact with residents of inhabited islands. Inquire whether this action has the approval of the British Government.

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(Based on request by telephone from
Commander Hustvedt of the Navy
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Secretary of State

Washington

RUSH

476, July 16, noon.

Department's 303 July 15, 5 p. m.

Foreign Office advises action approved.

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FROM

London

Dated July 16, 1937

Rec'd 7:10 a. m.

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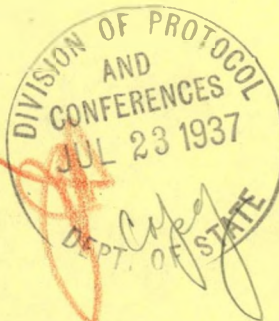
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 6th, 1937.

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Dear Mr. McBride,

With reference to our telephone conversation of this morning, I enclose a copy of the telegram which we have received from the Governor General of New Zealand, expressing the willingness of the New Zealand Government to co-operate in the search for Amelia Earhart.

Yours sincerely,

800.79611 Putnam

Mr. H. A. McBride,

United States Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

From Governor General of New Zealand

To Sir Ronald Lindsay

Despatched July 6th 1937

Received July 6th 1937.

Your telegram of the 5th July

His Majesty's Government in New Zealand desire to offer their co-operation in search for Amelia Earhart. His Majesty's Ships under the control of New Zealand Government and ships at sea have been instructed to keep a good look out and to intercept signals.

July 6, 1937.

Dear Mr. Hogg:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July sixth and to thank you very much indeed for your kindness in enclosing a copy of the telegram received from the Governor General of New Zealand, expressing the willingness of the New Zealand Government to cooperate in the search for Amelia Earhart. Secretary Hull was much gratified to learn of this generous offer on the part of the New Zealand Government.

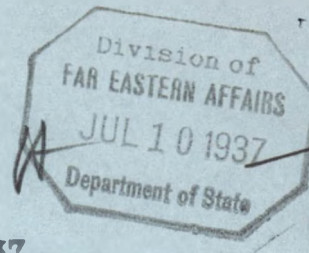
Sincerely yours,

H. A. McBride,
Assistant to the Secretary.

The Honorable
W. N. McG. Hogg,
British Embassy.

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JUL 10 1937

Excellency:

I have the honor to request that you be good enough to convey to the Governor General of New Zealand the warmest thanks of the President and myself for the very kind offer to assist in the search for Miss Earhart, which was contained in the Governor General's telegram of July 6, a copy of which was informally transmitted to me on that day.

I have been deeply touched by this renewed evidence of spontaneous sympathy by British officials and people in a time of distress and of their whole-hearted desire to relieve it.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Cordell Hull

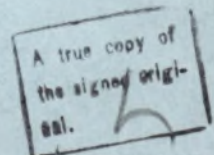
His Excellency

The Right Honorable

Sir Ronald Lindsay, P.C.,

G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.V.O.,

British Ambassador.



Handwritten signature in red ink.

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JULY 15, 1937.

800.79611 Putnam

Excellency:

I have the honor to request that you convey to your Government the warmest thanks of the President and myself for the very kind assistance in the search for Miss Earhart which is being carried out at the instance of the Japanese Government.

This cooperation and this evidence of sympathy on the part of the Japanese Government and people are deeply appreciated, and I wish to assure you of the sincere gratitude of the Government and people of this country.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

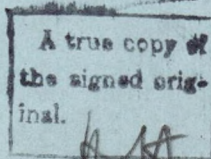
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JUL 15 1937

His Excellency

Hiroshi Saito,

Japanese Ambassador.



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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your note of July 15, 1937, ¹⁵⁶ concerning the assistance which is being given by my Government in the search for Miss Earhart.

The Japanese Government and people will, I assure you, appreciate highly the kind sentiments of the President and yourself which you are good enough to convey in your note and which I have had the pleasure of transmitting to Tokyo.

I should like to take the opportunity of expressing the deep concern of the whole Japanese nation that no trace of Miss Earhart has yet been found.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Hiroshi Saito

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The Honorable Cordell Hull,

Secretary of State,

Department of State,

Washington.

800.75611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/160

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WASHINGTON

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

15 July, 1937

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DIVISION OF FOREIGN
SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

July 22 1937

Sir:

Developments of the search for Miss Amelia Earhart and her navigator, which is proceeding under the direction of the Commandant Fourteenth Naval District, with headquarters in Hawaii, necessitate sending the Coast Guard cutter ITASCA and the Navy minesweeper SWAN to make a close inspection of islands in the Gilbert group in localities where such search may appear to give promise of fruitful results. The ships concerned are being directed to search carefully the uninhabited islands in the areas assigned them and to make such investigations as found essential at inhabited islands. The search of the ITASCA in its initial stages will be in the vicinity of Tamana, that of the SWAN in the vicinity of Nukuma.

It is requested that the British Government be appropriately informed of these operations of the two ships mentioned and of the necessities which have led to such operations.

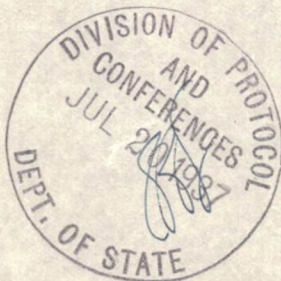
Respectfully,

William D. Leahy

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

WILLIAM D. LEAHY
Admiral, U. S. N.
Acting Secretary of the Navy.



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July 17 1937

In reply refer to
PC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/148

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with an oral request made by an official of the Navy Department on July 12, 1937, the American Ambassador in London was instructed to apply to the British authorities for authorization for aircraft from the U.S.S. Lexington to make a search of the Gilbert Islands in connection with the efforts being made to find Miss Amelia Earhart.

Confirming previous advice by telephone, I desire to state that the requested authorization has been granted by the British Government.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Wilbur J. Carr

Assistant Secretary.

The Honorable

Claude A. Swanson,

Secretary of the Navy.

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Washington,

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AMEMBASSY,

TOKYO (Japan).

Reference, Department's 107, July 10, 2 p.m.

Navy Department this morning suggests that we ask the Japanese Government to suggest to any Japanese vessels plying in Marshall Islands or Gilbert Islands waters that they be continuously on lookout for any traces of Miss Earhart's plane.

800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart

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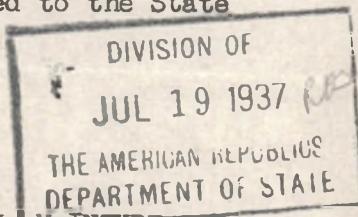
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1937.

800-79611 Putnam

Respectfully referred to the State
Department.



M. H. ~~McINTIRE~~
Secretary to the President

Attention: Mr. Southgate.

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800.79611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART / 161 H/DP

July 20 1937

To the American Consular Officer in charge,
Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico.

In his discretion, the Consular Officer in charge
is requested, without further report to the Department,
to make appropriate acknowledgment of the enclosed com-
munication, dated: Telegram dated July 16, 1937.

addressed to: the President.

by: Arnulfo T. Canales, Secretary,
Club Sembradores de Amistad.
of: Monterrey, Nuevo León.

Subject: The writers refer to the tragic disappearance
of Miss Earhart and Mr. Noonan and express
their sympathy.

Comment:

Enclosure:
Copy of telegram.

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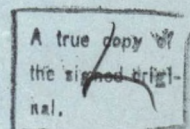
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TELEGRAM

The White House

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Monterey NL Mex. July 15, 1937.

Franklin D. Roosevelt:

Esta agrupacion fundada entre otros objetos con el fin de estrechar los lazos de amistad de individuo a individuo de ciudad a ciudad y de nacion a nacion envia a usted en su caracter de jefe del gobierno de ese pais y por su dieno conducto al gran pueblo norte Americano su mas sentida condolencia pr la tragica desaparicion de la intrepida aviadora Amelia Earhart haciendo votos por que a la postre resulten infundados los temores que se tienen de que tanto ella como su aceptante hayan perecido respetuosamente club sembradores de amistad secretario.

Arnulfo T. Canales.

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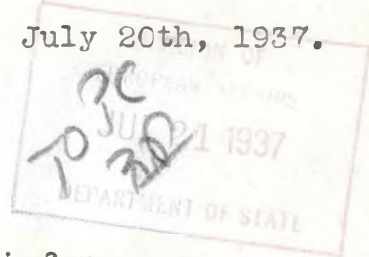
No. 228.

Sir,

BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D.C.,

July 20th, 1937.



I have the honour to inform you
that I have received from the Governor
General of New Zealand the following telegraphic
message for the President of the United
States:-



"The Government and people of
New Zealand have learnt with
deep regret of the unsuccessful
outcome of the search for Mrs.
Putnam and Mr. Noonan and wish
to convey to the Government and
people of the United States their
sincere sympathy in the loss of
a brave airwoman and her fellow
pilot."

I have the honour to be,
with the highest consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

R. C. Lindan

The Honourable
Cordell Hull,

Secretary of State of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

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In reply refer to
FA 800.79611-Putnam, Amelia Earhart/157

July 22 1937

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy and refers to the letter of the Navy Department dated July 15, 1937 (A4-5(5)(361030-3)), requesting that the British Government be informed of the orders given by the Commandant of the Fourteenth Naval District for a search for Miss Amelia Earhart and her navigator in the Gilbert Islands by the Coast Guard cutter Itasca and the Navy minesweeper Swan.

There is enclosed in confirmation of the message by telephone to the Navy Department on July 16 a copy of a telegram from the American Ambassador at London reporting that the action had been approved by the British Foreign Office.

Enclosure:

From Embassy, London,
telegram no. 476,
July 16, 1937.

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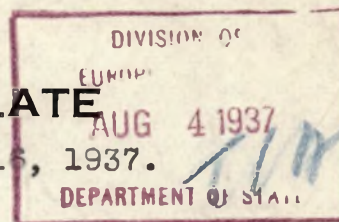
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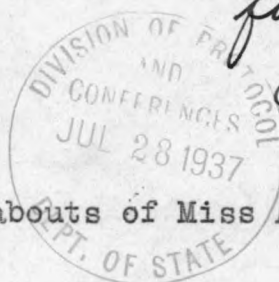
Geneva, Switzerland, July 15, 1937.



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AUGUST 4 1937

SUBJECT: Whereabouts of Miss Amelia Earhart

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

SIR:

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Francois Serex, Rue du Collège, Aigle, Vaud, Switzerland, under date of July 15, 1937, has declared that according to experiments made by him the place where Miss Earhart may be found is in the Pacific Ocean at longitude 142° West and between the 7th and 8th latitudes North. Mr. Serex has requested that this information be transmitted to the individual in command of the search and also be regarded as confidential.

Respectfully yours,

Prentiss B. Gilbert
Prentiss B. Gilbert
American Consul

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August 4 1937

In reply refer to
PC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/164

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments
to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy and encloses
for such consideration as it may deserve a copy of a
despatch from the American Consulate at Geneva, Switzerland,
concerning the possible whereabouts of Miss Amelia Earhart.

Enclosure:

From Consulate, Geneva,
No. 777, July 16, 1937.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FOR THE PRESS

JULY 24, 1937

*800.79611 Putnam,
Amelia Earhart*

The President has received from the Governor General of New Zealand, through the British Ambassador, the following message:

"The Government and people of New Zealand have learnt with deep regret of the unsuccessful outcome of the search for Mrs. Putnam and Mr. Noonan and wish to convey to the Government and people of the United States their sincere sympathy in the loss of a brave airwoman and her fellow pilot."

An appropriate acknowledgment has been made through the British Ambassador.

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July 24 1937

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your note No. 228, of July 20, transmitting the text
of a telegram from the Governor General of New Zealand
for the President of the United States, expressing
sympathy in the loss of Mrs. Putnam and Mr. Noonan.

The President desires me to request you to convey
to the Governor General of New Zealand his deep appreci-
ation of the courteous sentiments of the Government and
people of New Zealand.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my
highest consideration.

Cordell Hull

His Excellency

The Honorable

Sir Ronald Lindsay, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.V.O.,
British Ambassador.

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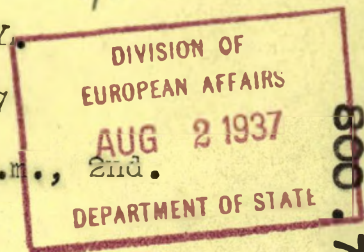
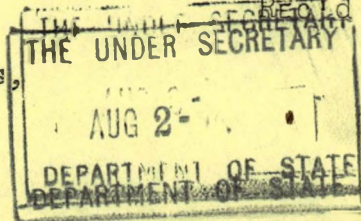
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August 1, 1937

FROM

Reid 12:20 a.m., 2nd.

Honorable Sumner Welles,
Washington.



Supplementing action taken Friday following Gene Vidal conference requesting local British authorities Gilbert Islands cooperation, now urgently request specific immediate search at my expense if appropriate following position.

174 degrees ten minutes east longitude two degrees 36 minutes north latitude. This is only 85 miles from Tarawa on Making Island bearing thence 106 degrees true. Have apparently authentic information from former commander copra vessel substantiated by reliable American that unchartered reef exists that point which frequently visited for turtles eggs, etc., by older Gilbertese natives. Believe Captain I. Handley of Tawara knows about it. Confidentially this information astonishingly corroborates the position actually repeatedly given me during last ten days from other sources probably disclosed by Vidal which themselves interesting in their independent unanimity if not necessarily convincing because their nature. Grateful for word on outcome.

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

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800-79611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/167

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NAVY DEPARTMENT DESIRES RELEASE KOSHU IF OUR SEARCH FOR
MISSING FLYERS HAS TERMINATED

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(Signed) William D. Leahy

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20 July, 1937

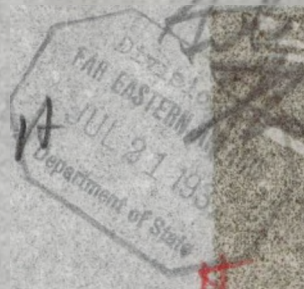


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1320 OUR SEARCH FOR MISSING FLYERS WAS TERMINATED AFTERNOON OF EIGHTEEN
JULY EXPRESS TO NAVY DEPARTMENT TOKYO THE APPRECIATION OF THIS DEPARTMENT
FOR THEIR ACTION IN MAKING KOSHU AVAILABLE FOR SEARCH 1330

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CC: State Dept. (via Op-13) ✓
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July 30, 1937

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LONDON (ENGLAND)

328 Evidence which to many sources seems positive indicates that Amelia Earhart (Mrs. Putnam) was on land the two nights following her disappearance. In the circumstances we should appreciate your getting in touch with the Colonial Office or other appropriate authority and telling them: (1) that if the authorities could send a boat from the Gilbert Islands to continue a thorough surface search in those Islands Mr. Putnam would be glad to defray the expenses involved, and (2) that word might be circulated that there is a reward of \$2,000 offered for any evidence leading to a solution of her disappearance whether in the nature of wreckage or more positive indication of what happened.

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JUL 30 1937

Sent at the request of Mr. Eugene Vidal after consultation with the President, Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Welles.

In case of an answer telephone Mr. George Herbert Putnam, Hotel Barclay, New York, and Mr. McIntyre.

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LONDON (ENGLAND)

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See 170

Department's 328, July 30, 7 p.m.

With reference to the request that a boat from the Gilbert Islands ^{make} ~~continue~~ a thorough surface search for Amelia Earhart at Mr. Putnam's expense, the latter now urges that an immediate search be begun of the following position: 174 degrees ten minutes east longitude two degrees 36 minutes north latitude. This is only 85 miles from Tarawa on Making Island bearing thence 106 degrees true. Mr. Putnam believes he has apparently authentic information from former commander copra vessel substantiated by reliable American that uncharted reef exists ^{at} that point which is frequently visited for turtles eggs, et cetera, by older Gilbertese natives. ^{He} ^{that} believes Captain I. Handley of Tawara knows about it. Please expedite reply. S.H.

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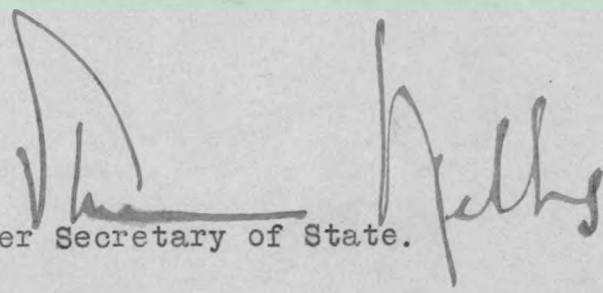
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August 2, 1937.

George Palmer Putnam, Esquire,
Hotel Barclay,
New York, New York.

Have sent telegram to our Embassy at
London asking that the British supplement the general search
of the Gilbert Islands by an immediate search of the position
you specified in yesterday's telegram. You may count on
our letting you know as soon as we have a reply from London.
I sincerely trust that it may give the results hoped for.


Under Secretary of State.

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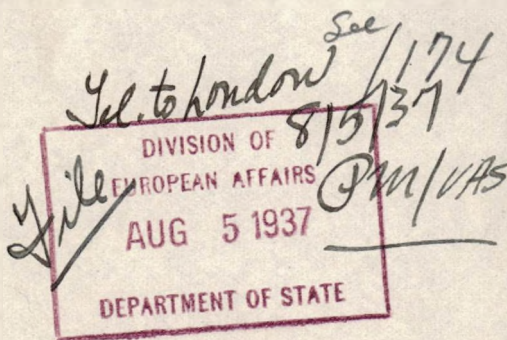
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Mr. Moffat:

I have this morning the attached letter from Mr. George Palmer Putnam. If you have as yet no reply from London, I think we might be warranted in sending a further cable to our Embassy urging a prompt response. The situation is, of course, agonizing for Mr. Putnam, and I cannot see why the British Government could not give us a speedy answer in the matter which we could communicate to Mr. Putnam.

S.W.

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COPY

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

2 West 45th Street,
New York City.
Aug. 4, 1937.

Honorable Sumner Welles,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Welles:

Thank you for your telegram in answer to my night letter sent Sunday. I deeply appreciate your friendly cooperation. I will be further grateful if it be possible for you to follow up this matter so that search of the position given may be undertaken at once. It is of course a forlorn hope, but one which, you will understand, is of utmost concern to me.

Please spare no effort in bringing it about if you possibly can.

Sincerely,

G. P. PUTNAM

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Department's 328, July 30, 7 p.m. and 333,

August 2, 8 p.m.

I hope that you will soon be able to reply.

The situation remains agonizing for Mr. Putnam and
for many friends of Amelia Earhart, and the request
that certain additional search measures be undertaken
at Mr. Putnam's expense does not seem excessive or to
warrant such delay in answering.

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FROM London

Dated August 6, 1937

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Secretary of State

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526, August 6, 5 p. m.

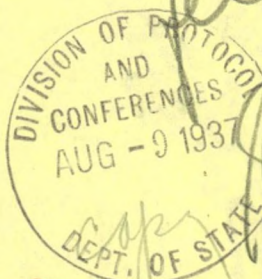
Department's 335, August 5, 4 p. m.

Substance of the Department's 328, July 30, 7 p. m.
and 333, August 2, 8 p. m. transmitted to the Foreign Office
and thence to the Colonial Office who have telegraphed the
competent British official, the High Commissioner for the
Western Pacific at Suva, Tiji, for such action as he may
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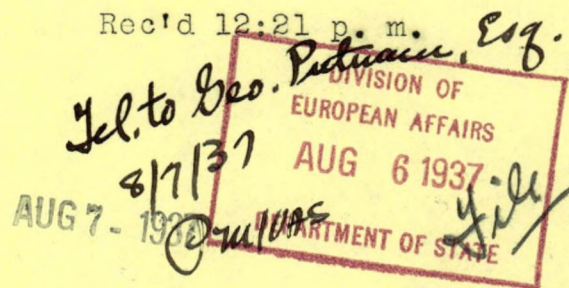


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George Palmer Putnam, Esquire,

Hotel Barclay,

New York, New York.

In reply to a request for an interim report, the Embassy in London informs me that Colonial Office has telegraphed the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific at Suva, who is the competent official, requesting such action as he may find it possible to take.

Sumner Wells
Under Secretary of State.

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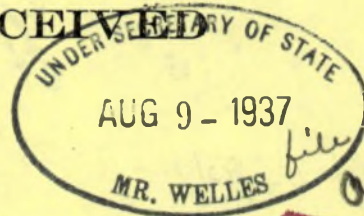
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FROM

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Sumner Wells

State Department Washington DC.

I expect to leave for coast Tuesday stop is there ~~any~~
any possibility of getting definite word from British as
to what they are doing regarding our requests concerning
Gilbert Islands forgive me for being a nuisance.

George Palmer Putnam Barclay Hotel.

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800.79611 Putnam



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Washington,

August 9, 1937.

George Palmer Putnam, Esquire,
Hotel Barclay,
New York, New York.

See/197
The Embassy at London will continue to press the matter. The Embassy has no reason to think that the authorities at Suva are not trying to complete arrangements to carry out your wishes, though this would necessarily take some time. I shall keep in touch with you and hope soon to have more definite news of British plans to give you.

[Signature]
Under Secretary of State.

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AmEmbassy,

London (England)

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Has no answer yet been received from the High
Commissioner at Suva regarding steps he can take to con-
tinue search at Mr. Putnam's expense, notably in direction
mentioned in Department's No. 333, August 2, 8 p. m?

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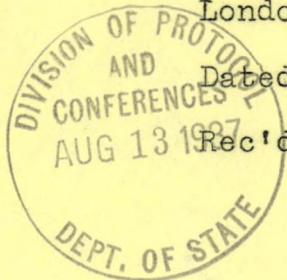
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FROM

London

Dated August 13, 1937

Rec'd 10:03 a.m.



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Secretary of State
Washington



*This scarcely warrants
much encouragement
E. N. Putnam & send in
PM*

539, August 13, 3 p. m.

Department's telegram No. 343, August 12, 11 a. m.

Foreign Office advises no information has been received from the High Commissioner at Suva although telegraphic reply was requested. Foreign Office will notify Embassy as soon as reply is received and the Department will be informed by telegraph.

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RR:GW

Search for Amelia Earhart

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800-79611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/180

H-W

July 19 1937

In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Treadway:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 10, 1937, enclosing a letter from Mr. C. E. Shippey of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in which he suggests that the unfortunate Earhart incident may offer an opportunity for strengthening the bonds of friendship between the United States and Japan.

The suggestions which Mr. Shippey has set forth in regard to questions of the Far East have been noted with care. He may be assured that the Government of the United States is constantly endeavoring to carry out the policy of the "good neighbor" in relations with the countries in that area, and is seeking in every appropriate way to implement that policy.

It is believed that, as your correspondent suggests, the Earhart disaster may serve, in demonstrating the sympathy of the Japanese Government and people towards the American

The Honorable

Allen T. Treadway,

House of Representatives.

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American people, to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two countries. As pertinent in this connection there is enclosed a copy of a press release of the Department dated July 15, 1937, which contains a copy of a note of thanks addressed by me to the Japanese Ambassador in Washington.

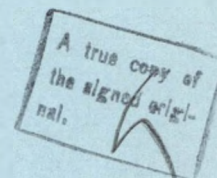
The letter from Mr. Shippey is herewith returned, a copy having been made and retained in the Department's files.

Sincerely yours,

Cordell Hull

Enclosures:

1. Press release dated July 15, 1937.
2. From C.E. Shippey.



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Handwritten signature in red ink.

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM



2 West 45th Street,
New York City.
August 4th, 1937.

Honorable Sumner Wells,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for your telegram in answer to my night letter sent Sunday. I deeply appreciate your friendly cooperation. I will be further grateful if it be possible for you to follow up this matter so that search of the position given may be undertaken at once. It is of course a forlorn hope, but one which, you will understand, is of utmost concern to me.

Please spare no effort in bringing it about if you possibly can.

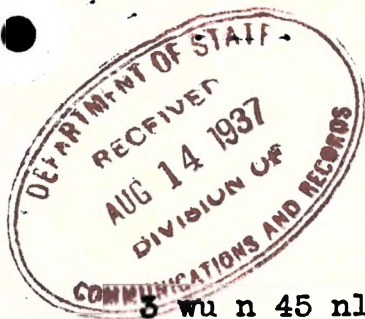
Sincerely,

GP Putnam

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Del. to Mr. Putnam
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FROM

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ZG NewYork NY Aug 8 37

Sumner Welles:



Thanks for telegram stop Is there nothing we can do to insure immediate examination at least that one location in Gilbert's as per my telegram week ago stop Am ready pay expenses if British authorities wont cooperate must arrange in some way for private action.

G P Putnam.

800.79611 Putnam

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

DIVISION OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS
Sydney, Australia,

July 21, 1937.

SUBJECT: Round-the-world Flight of Miss Earhart.

TREATY DIVISION

AUG 23 1937

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

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To Commerce

to Navy

With reference to the attempted round-the-world flight of Miss Earhart and Captain Noonan, and previous communications with the Department relating thereto, I have the honor to report an irregularity in documents presented by the fliers at Darwin, Northern Territory, and Australian reactions to the tragic ending of the flight.

The certificates of smallpox vaccination or immunity presented by Miss Earhart and Captain Noonan were signed by a private physician in the United States. In accordance with section 10(2) of the regulations set forth in the booklet entitled, CERTIFICATES UNDER THE QUARANTINE (AIR NAVIGATION) REGULATIONS, forwarded to the Department as an enclosure to my despatch no. 398 (File No. 879.6), dated April 9, 1937, these certificates should have been signed by an officer of the United States Public Health Service. Due to this lack of compliance with Australian requirements, the Health Officer at Darwin held the fliers and their

airplane

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airplane in technical quarantine until special permission to accept the certificates presented was obtained from Canberra. Fortunately, this permission was received in ten hours and, as Miss Earhart had planned to remain in Darwin over-night, no delay or inconvenience resulted. There is no assurance however, that the regulations will be waived in similar circumstances in the future, and it is suggested that fliers to and through Australia be specifically instructed to obtain smallpox vaccination or immunity certificates from a United States Public Health Officer.

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My cablegram of July 3, 10 p.m., concerning radio

signals purporting to be from Miss Earhart, was sent in the hope that it might be of possible assistance in the search for the fliers. Wireless stations of the Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd. and its affiliates maintained continuous watch for messages from the fliers, but no subsequent signals were received.

On July 7 the following telegram was received from the Honorable, C. L. A. Abbott, M. P., Administrator of the Northern Territory at Darwin:

"Deeply regret news about Mrs. Putnam and Captain Noonan. When in Darwin she endeared herself to us all by charming disposition. Citizens of Northern Territory hope to hear reassuring news shortly."

My telegraphic reply on the same day was:

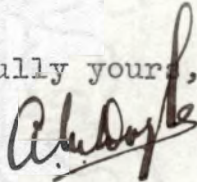
"Deeply appreciate your telegram regarding Mrs. Putnam and Captain Noonan."

From the time of receipt of the first reports that Miss Earhart was overdue at Howland Island and throughout the search for her airplane, the Australian people and

the Australian press were greatly concerned for the safety of the fliers. The local newspapers printed detailed New York and Honolulu despatches, supplemented by reports from Australian and Pacific Island sources. As hopes of rescue dwindled, the press was unanimous in eulogizing Miss Earhart and Captain Noonan as pioneers and explorers of the air, and in expressing the deepest regret and sympathy with the American people in their loss.

Without criticizing Miss Earhart, background and editorial commentators have questioned the wisdom of "stunt" flights which are by their very nature hazardous and predisposed to disaster. The difference between the exploratory flights of the Clipper ships and such flights as Miss Earhart's has been repeatedly emphasized. The stand of the United States Department of Commerce against further "stunt" flights is without exception approved and commended.

Respectfully yours,



Albert M. Doyle
American Consul

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To the Department of State in quintuplicate.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WASHINGTON
August 31, 1937.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Secretary:

This will acknowledge with
thanks the receipt of your communi-
cation of August 27, 1937, trans-
mitting a copy of a despatch from
the American Consul General at Sydney,
Australia, concerning the round-the-
world flight of Miss Amelia Earhart.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Johnson
J. M. Johnson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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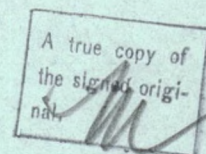
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The Secretary of State presents his compliments
to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and
encloses a copy of a despatch from the American
Consul General at Sydney, Australia, concerning the
round-the-world flight of Miss Amelia Earhart.

Enclosure:

From Consulate General,
Sydney, July 21, 1937.



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LONDON (ENGLAND)

357 Department's August 2, 8 p.m.

✓ We are at a loss to understand failure of High Commissioner at Fiji to indicate what action he is able to take in response to your repeated requests. It has now been 16 days since we telegraphed you. ~~If the British authorities do not wish to help in this search for MISS EARHART, even when all expenses will be paid by Mr. Putnam, I wish that they would tell us so. However, we are loathe to believe this, and still trust that the High Commissioner's failure to telegraph his plans is merely an administrative oversight.~~ Please take the matter up once again urgently with the appropriate authorities.

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FROM

GRAY

London

Dated August 19, 1937

Rec'd 9:12 a.m.

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Secretary of State

Washington

547, August 19, 1 p.m.

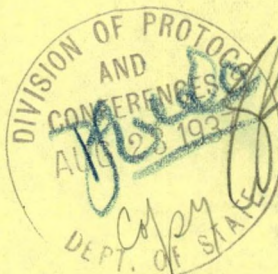
Department's telegram No. 357, August 18, 7 p.m.

Foreign Office advises no information has been received from the High Commissioner at Suva and that telegram will be sent today requesting immediate report by telegraph.

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Search for Amelia Earhart.



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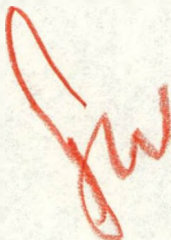
THE UNDER SECRETARY

August 18, 1937.

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Mr. Moffat:

Please prepare a reply
for me.

A red ink signature, likely of the Under Secretary, is written over the text "for me." The signature is stylized and appears to be "M. J. Egan".

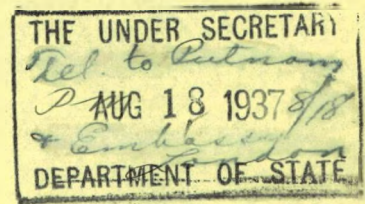
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Sumner Welles Under Secretary

State Department Washington,

Would appreciate your wiring George Putnam Burbank California
as to States specific Filbert Island search namely uncharted
reef described in correspondence your possession and discussed
recently with your Secretary.

Gene Vidal.

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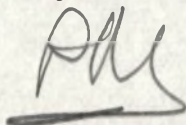
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August 18, 1937.

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Mr. Welles

I am not certain in my own mind as to whether the British delay in the Earhart search is due to British reluctance or to a failure of our Embassy to emphasize our concern. I have drafted a fairly stiff telegram to London which you may or may not want to sign. /185



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Washington,

August 18, 1937.

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GEORGE PUTNAM *Esq*

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

Have twice instructed Embassy to press the
British authorities on the search of the uncharted
reef you mention, but no specific information has as
yet been received from the British High Commissioner
at Fiji. Will telegraph you the moment any message
comes in.

Wm. H. Kelly
Undersecretary of State

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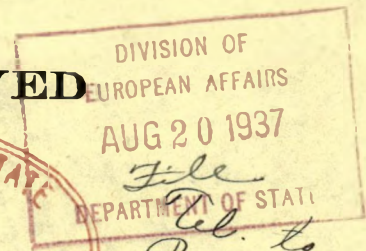
Hon. Sumner Welles,

State Department Washington Dc

Thanks wire confidentially newspaper here now aware request made for Specific search my expense three weeks ago and inquiring if action taken stop if their investigation discloses cooperation unforth coming resulting publicity might be deeply embarrassing hurtful for all concerned stop after a ll I could have arranged privately direct with Gilbert Long since but believed the proper course proceed through official channels stop regret being troublesome and appreciate your help.

G P P *Putnam*

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GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM, ESQUIRE

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA.

Deeply appreciate your worry over the delay. I again cabled our Embassy which has informed me that British Government has not yet had adequate information from High Commissioner Suva and has requested an immediate report by telegraph. Will keep in touch with you.

Under Secretary

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

London, August 17, 1937.

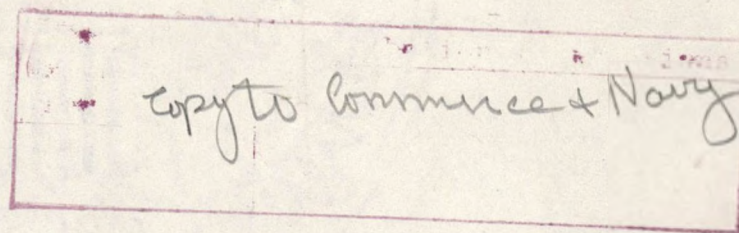
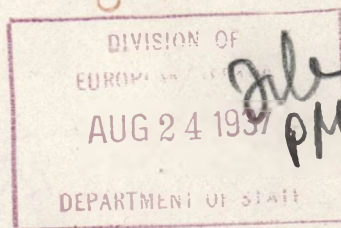
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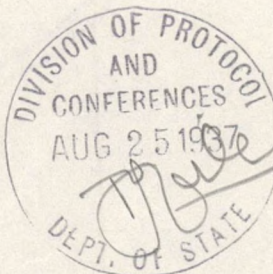
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.



Sir:

With reference to the Department's telegrams Nos. 328 of July 30, 7 p.m., 333 of August 2, 8 p.m., 335 of August 5, 4 p.m. and 343 of August 12, 11 a.m., and in confirmation of the Embassy's telegrams Nos. 526 of August 6, 5 p.m. and 539 of August 13, 3 p.m., I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Foreign Office note of August 14th stating that the information contained in the Embassy's notes of July 31st and August 3rd to the Foreign Office in connection with the search for Miss Amelia Earhart (Mrs. Putnam) was communicated by telegraph on August 6th to the United Kingdom High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, who was instructed to report

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Amelia Earhart
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by telegraph what action could be taken. The Foreign Office note added that the Embassy would be informed of any further developments in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Herschel V. Johnson
Herschel V. Johnson
Counselor of Embassy.

Enclosure:
Foreign Office note.

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Enclosure No. to despatch of 3304 Aug 17, 1937
from the Embassy at London, England

No. A 5686/671/45.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

14th August, 1937.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's memoranda Nos. 2733 and 2741, dated the 31st July and 3rd August which were received in the Foreign Office on the 4th August and 6th August respectively, regarding the willingness of Mr. Putnam to defray the expenses of any search which the authorities of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony may feel able to institute for his wife, Miss Amelia Earhart.

2. I have the honour to inform you in reply that the information contained in your two memoranda was communicated by telegraph on 6th August to the United Kingdom High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, who was instructed to report by telegraph what action could be taken. I shall not fail to inform you of any further developments in the matter.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(For Lord Halifax)

(Sd.) A. HOLMAN.

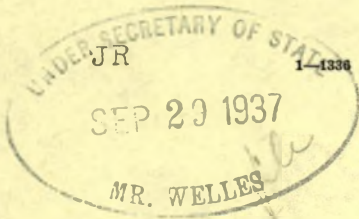
His Excellency

The Honourable

R. W. Bingham,

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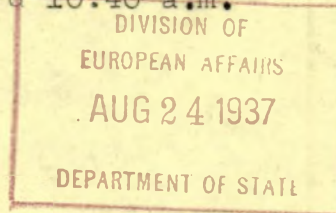
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Secretary of State,
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553, August 24, 4 p.m.

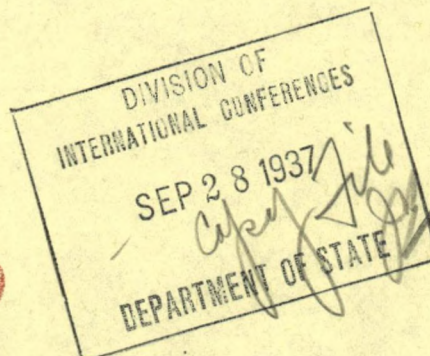
Embassy's telegram 547, August 19, 1 p.m.

Foreign Office advises High Commissioner at Suva
has telegraphed that United States vessels (Department's 303,
July 15, 5 p.m.) visited all Gilbert Islands and that
Captain Handley left by cutter on August 10 for position
mentioned (Department's 333, August 2, 8 p.m.).

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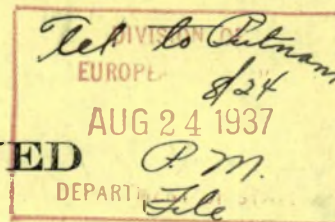
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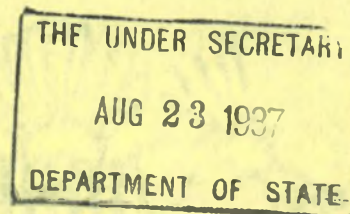
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FROM

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wg Burbank Calif, Aug 23-37

Hon Summer Welles



Puzzled British unsecured desired Gilbert Ireland
action apparently forgoing even courtesy advising us stop After
all request made through you three weeks ago is humanitarian
not difficult involves no expense fear newspaper explosion
embarrassing international assured press believes British doing
best possible naturally emphasised deep appreciation your thorough
cooperation

George Palmer Putnam

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Washington,

August 24, 1937.

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM, ESQUIRE,
BURBANK, CALIFORNIA.

Following telegram just received from
Embassy London: QUOTE Foreign Office advises
High Commissioner at Suva has telegraphed that
United States vessels visited all Gilbert Islands
and that Captain Handley left by cutter on
August 10 for position mentioned in Department's
telegram of August 2. UNQUOTE.

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FROM

GRAY

London

Dated August 31, 1937

Rec'd 10:29 a.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

567, August 31, 4 p.m.

Embassy's telegram 553, August 24, 4 p.m.

Foreign Office advises High Commissioner at Suva
has telegraphed that Captain Handley has returned from
position mentioned without finding any trace of reef or
plane.

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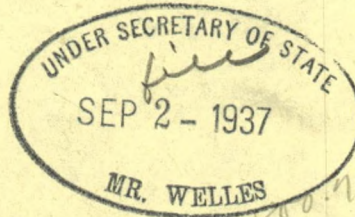
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See tel. - Aug 31

My dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for your telegram of the 24th
reading as follows:

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY
LONDON QUOTE FOREIGN OFFICE ADVISES HIGH
COMMISSIONER AT SUVA HAS TELEGRAPHED THAT
UNITED STATES VESSELS VISITED ALL GILBERT
ISLANDS AND THAT CAPTAIN HANDLEY LEFT BY
CUTTER ON AUGUST 10 FOR POSITION MENTIONED
IN DEPARTMENTS TELEGRAM OF AUGUST 2 UNQUOTE

I assume that the line "Captain Handley
left by cutter on August 10 for position mentioned"
means that from some point a search is started which
definitely will take in the alleged unchartered island
situated at 174 degrees ten minutes east longitude
2 degrees thirty-six minutes north latitude". Doubt-
less in due course the British authorities will inform
you of the outcome of this action.

I am sorry that this whole matter has
caused so much trouble to you. Under all the cir-
cumstances it was impossible for me to rest until this
specific matter had been run to earth, remote as is
any hope that it could produce results.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Sumner Wells,
State Department,
Washington, D.C.

G. O. Putnam

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Washington,

August 31, 1937.

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM, ESQUIRE

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA.

PM
I regret to inform you that Foreign Office 195
London advises us that High Commissioner at Suva
has telegraphed that Captain Handley has returned
from the position ^{you specified} ~~mentioned~~ without finding any
trace of reef or plane.
PM

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CORDELL HULL

Secretary of State

*See 195
from Great Britain
#567 Aug 31*

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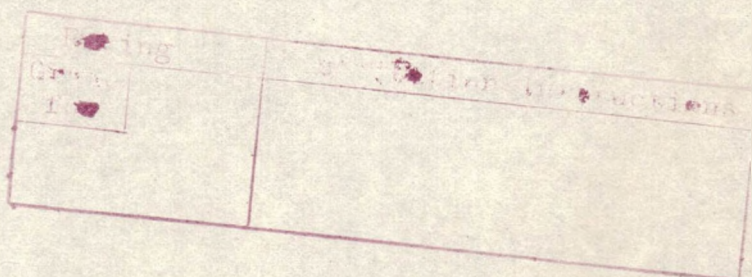
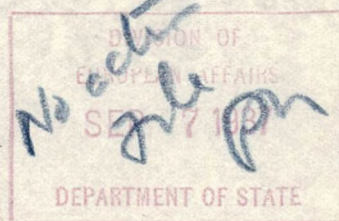
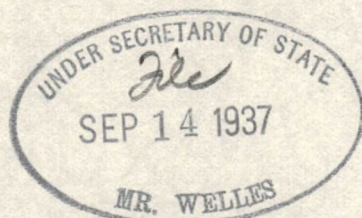
London, August 28, 1937.

SUBJECT: Search for Miss Amelia Earhart (Mrs. Putnam)

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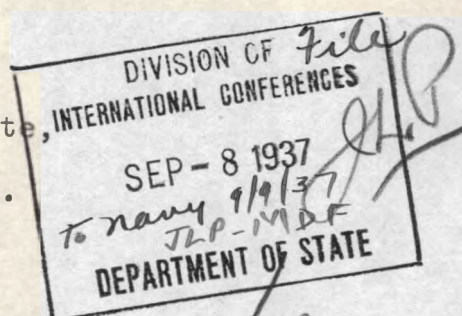
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:



With reference to the Embassy's telegram No.553 of August 24, 4 p.m., I have the honor to transmit to the Department herewith a copy of a note dated August 27, No. A 6156/671/45, received from the Foreign Office, confirming the information given in the telegram under reference.

Respectfully yours,

Herschel V. Johnson
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Enclosure:

1. Copy of note as stated above.

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800.79611-PUTNAM, AMELIA EARTHART/198

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

No. A 6156/671/45.

27th August, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you with reference to my note No. A 5686/671/45 of the 14th August, that the United Kingdom High Commissioner for the Western Pacific has reported that he understands that the United States coastguard cutter "Itasca" and the United States Navy minesweeper "Swan" have now visited all the Gilbert Islands in the course of their search for Miss Amelia Earhart. The High Commissioner adds however that Captain Handley, who is referred to in the United States Ambassador's memorandum No. 2741 of the 3rd August, left by cutter on the 10th August for the position mentioned in the memorandum.

I have the honour to be,
with high consideration,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sd.) A. HOLMAN.

Mr. Herschel V. Johnson,

etc., etc., etc.

September 18 1937

In reply refer to
IC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/198

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments
to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy and
encloses for his information a copy of a despatch
dated August 28, 1937, from the American Embassy at
London, concerning the search for Miss Amelia Earhart.

Enclosure:

From Embassy, London,
August 28, 1937.

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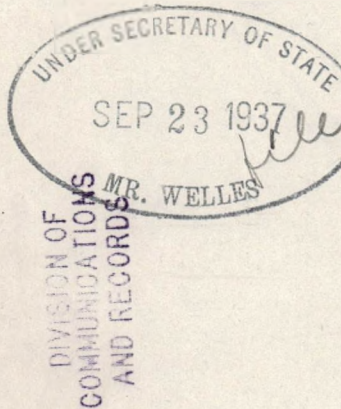
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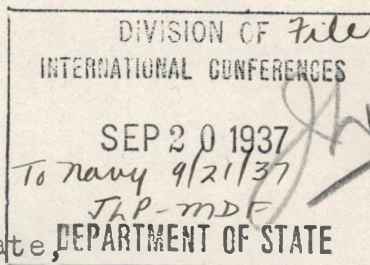
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

With reference to the Embassy's telegram No. 567 of August 31, 4 p.m., I have the honor to transmit to the Department herewith a copy of a note dated September 8, No. A 6457/671/45, received from the Foreign Office, confirming the information given in the telegram under reference.

Respectfully yours,

Herschel V. Johnson
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

Enclosure:

Copy of note as stated above.

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch of 11.11.37
from the Embassy at London, England

No. A 6457/671/45.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

8th September, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to the last sentence of my note No. A 6156/671/45 of the 27th August, I have the honour to inform you that the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific has reported that Captain Handley has returned after searching for Miss Amelia Earhart in the locality mentioned in the United States Ambassador's memorandum No. 2741 of the 3rd August but that he found no trace either of the reef referred to therein or of Miss Earhart's plane.

I have the honour to be,
with high consideration,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State),

(Sd.) J. M. TROUTBECK.

Mr. Herschel V. Johnson,

etc., etc., etc.

In reply refer to
IC 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/199

September 22 1937

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments
to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy and encloses
for his information a copy of a despatch dated
September 9, 1937, from the American Embassy at London
concerning the search for Miss Amelia Earhart.

Enclosure:

From Embassy, London,
September 9, 1937.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

DIVISION OF
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AND RECORDS

Sydney, Australia,

August 21, 1937.

SUBJECT: Round-the-world Flight of Miss Earhart.

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

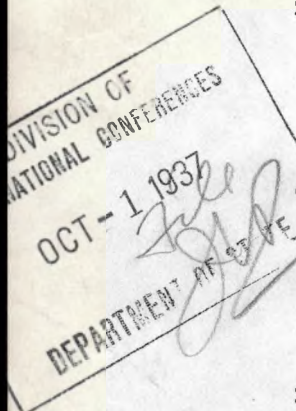
SIR:

I have the honor to refer to my despatch No.471 dated July 21, 1937, File No.879.6, and to previous correspondence with reference to the attempted round-the-world flight of Miss Earhart and Captain Noonan.

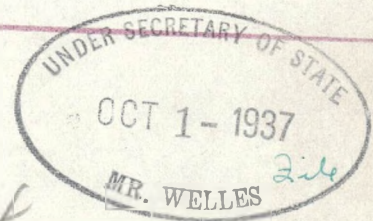
- There are enclosed copies of my letter dated
- 1/ July 9, 1937, to The Honorable, C.L.A. Abbott, M.P., Administrator of Northern Territory, Darwin, Northern Territory,
 - 2/ and of the Administrator's reply dated August 11, 1937. Although it does not appear that the information given is of material value, the Administrator's letter is submitted so that the Department will have a complete file of data obtained by this office with reference to Miss Earhart's flight.

On July 21, 1937, the "Sydney Sun" reported the efforts of the British freighter MOORBY to find the missing flyers. A copy of the pertinent portion of this report follows:

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"The Moorby, in command of Captain T. Hill, was on her way from Vancouver to Sydney, with a full cargo of lumber, when on July 5 American wireless messages were heard stating that Amelia Earhart's plane was thought to be down in the sea somewhere to the north-west of Howland Island.

The Moorby was then in that neighborhood. Her wireless operator (Mr. J. Harris) at once began a continual watch, which lasted for 50 hours.

HEARD CARRIER WAVE.

For eight hours he listened to a constant carrier wave which was believed to come from the plane.

He said to-day that it was on such a wavelength that ships could not "work" it, to get the direction from which it came.

He sent out a message asking that a break should be made as a signal that his message had been heard, but the carrier wave continued unbroken until it faded out at 2.a.m. the next day, and was not heard again."

Respectfully yours,



Albert M. Doyle
American Consul.

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To the Department in quintuplicate.

Enclosures:

No.1 Copy of letter dated July 9, 1937
to The Honorable, C.L.A. Abbott, M.P.,
Administrator of Northern Territory,
Darwin.

No.2 Copy of the Administrator's reply dated
August 11, 1937.

Enclosure No.1 to Despatch No.507 from the American
Consulate General, Sydney, Australia, dated August 21,
1937, entitled "Round-the-world Flight of Miss Earhart".

C O P Y.

Sydney, Australia,

July 9, 1937.

Sir:

I have the honor to thank you again for your sympathetic and thoughtful telegram of regret at the tragic ending of the round-the-world flight of Miss Earhart and Captain Noonan. As each day passes, our hopes of rescue dwindle.

One of the factors which has greatly hampered the search for the airplane has been the absence of wireless signals from Miss Earhart transmitted on the frequency of 500 kilocycles, to which the United States Coast Guard vessel ITASCA's direction finder is attached. Although it is understood that her wireless equipment was capable of transmitting signals on this frequency, Miss Earhart did not acknowledge or comply with requests from the ITASCA for such signals. In this connection the following paragraphs from the SUN, June 29, 1937, are pertinent:

"Thanks to the R.A.A.F. men at the direction-finding station her radio is in perfect order and she has been in radiophone communication with Darwin at intervals since her departure.

"Yesterday afternoon she set herself to find out what was the matter with the radio apparatus in her plane, which had been out of order during the Timor crossing, but though she tried every possible device there was no response.

"Eventually, Sergeant Stan Rose, who has charge of the Darwin direction-finding station, came to her aid and the trouble was righted in a few moments."

May I ask you to obtain for this Consulate General a statement from Sergeant Rose covering - (1) the nature of the radio troubles experienced by Miss Earhart in the Timor crossing; (2) a description of adjustments of the radio apparatus made at Darwin; and (3) Sergeant Rose's opinion as to the probability of subsequent difficulties with the apparatus? This information may be of importance in the determination of the causes of the unhappy conclusion of the flight.

Any assistance you can give this office will be greatly appreciated.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Honorable Albert M. Doyle
C.L.A. Abbott, M.P., American Consul.
Administrator of Northern Territory,
Darwin, Northern Territory.

Enclosure No.2 to Despatch No.507 from the American
Consulate General, Sydney, Australia, dated August 21,
1937, entitled "Round-the-world Flight of Miss Earhart".

C O P Y.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Northern Territory Administration,

File No. 37/477.

Darwin.

3rd August, 1937.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th July
regarding the wireless equipment attached to Miss
Earhart's plane.

I referred your enquiry to Mr. A.R. Collins,
Aircraft Inspector and Officer-in-Charge of the
Aerodrome at Darwin, who has furnished a reply in the
following terms.

"I have to acknowledge your memorandum
reference the enquiry from the American Consulate,
Sydney, in regard to the wireless communication of
Miss Earhart, while at Darwin during the recent
round-the-world flight which it is deeply regretted
ended in disaster.

"When Miss Earhart arrived at Darwin it was
necessary to ask why there had been no radio
communication with the Government Direction Finding
Wireless Station under my control. (Miss Earhart
had been advised of the facilities and the Station's
wave length prior to departure from Koepang). Miss
Earhart regretted that the D/F receiver installed
in her aircraft was not functioning therefore an
inspection of this received was carried out and a
ground test arranged between the aircraft and the
D/F wireless station. It was discovered that the
fuse for the D/F generator had blown and upon
renewal in Miss Earhart's presence the ground test
was completed. Miss Earhart was advised to inspect
fuse in event of further trouble.

"During the journey from Darwin to Lae the
following morning communication was established
with Darwin for a distance of 200 miles from this
station, radio phone being used by Miss Earhart..

"No inspection of Miss Earhart's transmission
gear was carried out, this apparently being in order,
therefore Sergeant Rose cannot hazard an opinion
apart from the faulty fuse which affected only the
D/F receiver."

I trust that you will find this information of use.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) C.L.A. Abbott
ADMINISTRATOR

Albert M. Doyle Esq.,
American Consul,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

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NOTE

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FROM Gerald P. Nye, USS () DATED Jan. 17, 1938
TO NAME 1-1127 o r o

REGARDING:

Search for Amelia Earhart: Transmits photostat copy
of "Smith's Weekly", published in Sydney, Australia;
inquiring whether printed story has actual foundation.

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March 14, 1938

This letter was returned marked
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ed to Putnam and Co., 2 West 45
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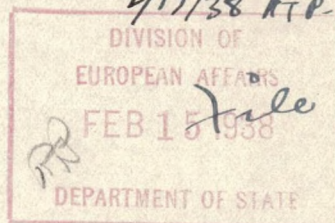
London, February 2, 1938.

No. 3850

February 18 1938.

SUBJECT: Expenses involved in search for
Miss Amelia Earhart.

*Copy and encl
to Mr. Putnam
2/17/38 RTP-RJ*



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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's
telegram No. 328 of July 30, 7 p.m., 1937 and subse-
quent correspondence concerning the search for Miss
Amelia Earhart.

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I enclose herewith a copy of a note dated February
1, 1938, together with the original of its enclosure,
received from the Foreign Office in regard to the

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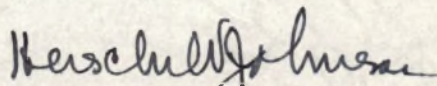
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expenses involved in sending a boat from the Gilbert Islands to take part in the search for Miss Earhart.

I have been informed orally by the Foreign Office that a draft in settlement of the account may be made payable to "The Crown Agents for the Colonies", whose address is 4 Millbank, S.W., London. I have been requested also to mention that if a draft is sent directly to the Crown Agents, the accompanying letter should indicate that the amount is for the credit of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

Respectfully yours,



Herschel V. Johnson
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

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7 Enclosure:

1. Copy of F.O. note dated Feb. 1, 1938 and its original enclosure.

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 3850 of Feb. 2, 1938
from the Embassy at London, England.

COPY

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

No. A 479/479/45.

1st February, 1938.

Sir,

In his note No. 2733 of the 31st July, 1937, concerning the search for Miss Amelia Earhart, the late Mr. Bingham was so good as to state that Mr. Putnam would be glad to defray the expenses involved in sending a boat from the Gilbert Islands to take part in the search.

2. I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a debit note presented by Messrs. Burns Philp (South Sea) Company, Limited, on behalf of Captain I.P. Handley, in respect of expenses incurred during the search.

3. I should be grateful if you would be so good as to cause this debit note to be forwarded to Mr. Putnam. The sum claimed (£75 Australian) is due to the Crown Agents for the credit of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, by whom the account has already been settled.

I have the honour to be,
with high consideration,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sd.) JOHN BALFOUR

Mr. Herschel V. Johnson,

etc., etc., etc.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1938

In reply refer to
Eu 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia
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My dear Mr. Putnam:

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I need not tell you how much I regret, personally, that the search in this instance cast no light on the
tragedy

Mr. George Herbert Putnam,
Hotel Barclay,
New York, New York.

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Mr. George Herbert Putnam,
Putnam and Company,

2 West 45th Street,

New York, New York.

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tragedy which has caused you such great sorrow, and I hope that you will not hesitate to make use of the services of this Department if we can be of any further help.

Sincerely yours,

Sumner Welles

Under Secretary

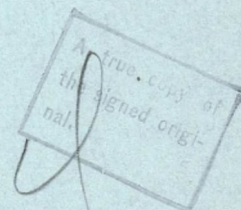
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Enclosure:

From Embassy London,
no. 3850, February 2, 1938, with
enclosure.

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DCIR - Room 402

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Mr. Wells -

We have sent this
letter to Hollywood now
as shown on 1st page of
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can be filed now.
Mrs. Smith.

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March 16, 1938.

Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We are returning the enclosed to you as we are not quite sure as to whom it belongs. As far as we know, there is no "George Herbert Putnam".

There is Dr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C. There is also George Palmer Putnam, c/o The Security-First National Bank, North Hollywood, California. Major George Haven Putnam has been dead for about eight years.

Very truly yours,

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS

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WASHINGTON

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Mr. George Herbert Putnam,

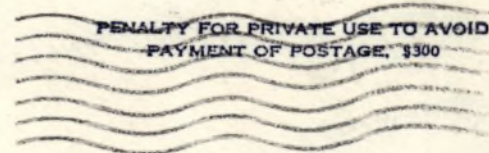
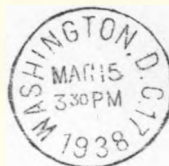
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Putnam and Company,

North Hollywood, Calif
2 West 45th Street,

New York, New York.

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Mr. George Herbert Putnam,
Putnam and Company,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, New York.

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My dear Mr. Wells:

This is in very tardy acknowledgment of your letter of February 18 (Eu 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/202). The delay is due to the fact that I have been absent from the country in the tropics and have only recently returned.

Your letter referred to the charge of £75 Australian in connection with the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony search made at my request through you. I am advised that £75 Australian at the present rate of exchange equals \$375.06. I am, therefore, enclosing check made out to the Department of State for that amount, believing that it will be easier all around if your office will transfer this credit to the appropriate account in London.

I am grateful to you for your courteous helpfulness in the matter and regret the considerable delay in caring for my end of it.

Sincerely yours,

GP Putnam

Seen by -
Hon. Sumner Wells,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

check for \$375.06

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In reply refer to
BA 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/205

March 9, 1938.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West Forty-fifth Street,
New York, New York.

Check for \$231.90
rec'd 5/5/38 and entered
on Bk. of Collections No. 278

Sir:

Referring to your letters of January 25, 1937 and March 31, 1937 enclosing with each a check in the amount of \$150 to defray telegraphic charges incident to the flight of your late wife, Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, you are informed that accounts have now been received for telegrams between the Department and various Diplomatic and Consular offices, the total cost of which amounts to \$531.90 or an excess of \$231.90 over the amount of your deposits.

It will be appreciated if you will forward your check drawn payable to the order of the Secretary of State to cover the amount of this excess.

Very truly yours,

Laurence C. Frank
Chief, Bureau of Accounts

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May 9 1938.

No. 94

The Honorable

Joseph P. Kennedy,
American Ambassador,
London.

Sir:

Reference is made to your despatch No. 3850 of February 2, 1938, enclosing a copy of a note, dated February 1, 1938, from the British Foreign Office, together with an enclosure, with regard to the expenses involved in the search in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands for Mrs. George Palmer Putnam (Amelia Earhart).

Mr. Putnam has deposited to the account of the Secretary of State a check in the amount of \$375.06, the equivalent of 75 pounds Australian at the rate of exchange on the day on which Mr. Putnam made the transaction.

You are requested to draw a separate dollar draft on the Secretary of State for a sum sufficient to purchase 75 pounds Australian, which will be delivered to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4 Millbank, S.W., London, rendering a separate account therefor with supporting vouchers.

If the amount deposited by Mr. Putnam in dollars
is

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is not sufficient to cover the sum of 75 pounds Australian at the rate of exchange on the day of payment, you are requested to inform the Department immediately in order that the difference between the two amounts may be obtained from Mr. Putnam.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

G. S. Messersmith

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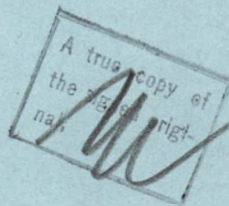
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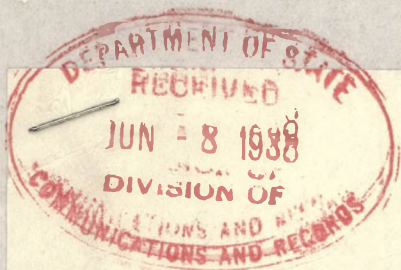
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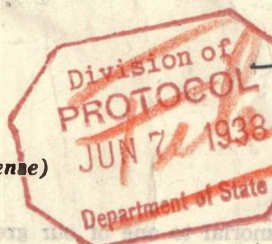
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IN MEMORIAM—AMELIA EARHART

SPEECH

OF

HON. HATTIE W. CARAWAY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 27, 1938

800.79611 Putnam
Amelia Earhart/207

Mrs. CARAWAY. Mr. President, I do not desire to detain the Senate in the consideration of the measure now before us, but Monday will be Memorial Day. Within the past year Amelia Earhart, one of the 12 most notable women of the past hundred years, has passed on. She was a woman who symbolized to a remarkable degree the courage, the pioneering spirit and the broad achievements of American womanhood. She had only 39 years of life, but into those years she poured a spirit so untrammelled that the world of men and women has a truer conception of what heights a woman may reach when she girds herself to competition on an equal footing with men.

She was an ardent feminist and a humanitarian. She once decided to become a doctor, and to that end took a course in science, combining with that course a study in sociology. I think it quite fitting to call attention to the fact that this is Amelia Earhart Week, signifying the national appeal sponsored by a national committee, of which Mrs. Roosevelt is the honorary chairman, and in Washington by a committee headed by Mrs. James J. Davis, to establish a worthy and living memorial in honor of Amelia Earhart.

I cannot state better the underlying motives of this national appeal than in the words of Mrs. Roosevelt:

I hope we will be able to interest a great many people in order that something of the personality, spirit, and courage which Amelia Earhart represented to us shall be carried on to the younger generation.

Our President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, writes as follows:

I am glad to learn that the indomitable spirit which surmounted so many obstacles and pointed the way to new feminine achievements is to be commemorated in the Amelia Earhart Foundation. This foundation should, like her own radiant spirit and personality, be free in scope and idealistic in expression. Planned on such lines it can become an active force in moulding the destinies of those who come under its influence.

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

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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 Amelia Earhart rendered to our Nation.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
LONDON, June 23, 1938.

SUBJECT: Payment of expenses involved in search
for Mrs. George Palmer Putnam

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*Copy of this despatch with
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to Mr. Geo. Palmer Putnam
24.50/HW July 18, 1938
file*



The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's
instruction No. 94, dated May 9, 1938 (File No. 800.
79611 A E P/204), regarding the expenses involved in
the search in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands for Mrs.
1/ George Palmer Putnam, and to forward herewith a separ-
ate account in duplicate, with supporting voucher, to
cover my draft No. 3 drawn on May 18th, last, for
\$298.95.

The delay in submitting this account is due to
the fact that the Crown Agents for the Colonies did
not return the receipted voucher until today.

Respectfully yours,

Herschel V. Johnson
Herschel V. Johnson
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

✓
Enclosures:
1. Separate
Account.

NDB/HEJ

800.79611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/208

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Downgraded at 3 year
intervals; declassified
after 12 years

January 25 1939

In reply refer to
Eu 800.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart/211

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CONFIDENTIAL

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy and, referring to previous correspondence regarding the disappearance of Miss Amelia Earhart, encloses for the information of the Navy Department and for such action, if any, as it may deem desirable copies of confidential despatches no. 3590 of January 4, 1939 and no. 3605 of January 8, 1939 from the Embassy at Paris.

Enclosures:

1. From Embassy, Paris,
no. 3590, January 4, 1939.
2. From Embassy, Paris,
no. 3605, January 8, 1939.

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JAN 24 1939

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A true copy of
the signed origi-
nal.

800.79611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARTHART/211

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF FOREIGN SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

June 15, 1940.

IN: *File*

It appears to FA that the bottle note purporting to have originated with Miss Amelia Earhart is not authentic and that therefore no action should be taken on this despatch.

UB

FM
FA:V.Ellis



THE FOREIGN SERVICE

OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH NO. 24
FROM THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT
MEXICO, D.F., MEXICO DATED MAY 31, 1940

VIA AIR MAIL

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

I am lost in the Pacific Ocean
Please help me!

I think I am near Mexico
My last latitude is : 33° degrees and
44 minutes.

S.O.S.

October 39

Amelia Earhart

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
DIVISION OF FOREIGN
SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

June 7, 1940

FA:

JUN 8 - 1940

ATTENTION OF STATE
Attention is invited to the attached
despatch from the Consulate General at
Mexico, D. F., concerning a note alleged
to have been signed by Miss Amelia
Earheart. Isn't this the type of case
that FA handles?

Incidentally, we have examined
Miss Earheart's passport application and
her signature bears no resemblance to
the signature on the alleged note and
the signature on the passport application
is not spelled the same way.

IN:SL:DBW

NO.

24

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
México, D.F., México, May 31, 1940.

AIR MAIL

SUBJECT: Transmitting Photographic Copies of Note
Reputed to be Signed by Amelia Earheart.

1-1403

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to enclose two photographic
copies of a note which is claimed to have been found
by the young son of Sra. Hermia Hernandez Meave,
Morelos 70, Coyoacán, D.F., in a bottle on the beach
at Acapulco, Guerrero.

A portion of the bottle and its cork were examin-
ed by this Consulate General. It is understood on
competent authority that the bottle was indubitably
of Mexican make and the cork bore the inscription
"Madero y Hno--Parras". Parras is a city in the
State of Coahuila that is well-known for its vine-
yards and wine dealers.

The paper on which the note was penciled is
apparently taken from a tobacco package and the finder
states there was a heavy aroma of tobacco on the paper
when it was first removed from the bottle. The
original note has been retained by the finder.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. P. Shaw
Geo. P. Shaw
American Consul

Enclosure:

Two photographs

848-Earheart, Amelia
RKO:ljw



300.79611 PUTNAM, AMELIA EARHART/212

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