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Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Lawrence H. Sanders
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January 21, 1977

Congressman Harold E. Sawyer
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Dear Mr. Sawyer:

The purpose of this letter is to say, once and for all, to determine the final whereabouts of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan. As you know, their flight ended in an unexplained mystery in the early hours of July 2, 1937. Numerous people have written about this flight and what took place after it was concluded, but there is not one positive shred of evidence pointing to the final destination of these people and what their final hours of life were like.

The United States Navy spent untold dollars in 1937 to try and locate Miss Earhart and Mr. Noonan. They were unable to make a complete survey due to the fact that some of the area was under the control of the Japanese Empire. However, the money expended for this rescue mission was surely taxpayers' money. Therefore, it would seem after all this time that we have a right to know what actually did happen. The best evidence to date is that she came down on Saipan Island, was held there for a week or 10 days, then murdered and finally was buried with Mr. Noonan on the border of an old cemetery near Sanapan City. It has been reported that Mr. Noonan was beheaded.

A number of expeditions to Saipan by private individuals have allegedly brought back bones and other personal articles that presumably belonged to one or the other of them. In 1944 after the Americans had landed on Saipan, there is evidence to support that a Captain Tracey Geiswold and two enlisted men dug up the grave and carried away some of the effects at that time. These people were under direct orders of the United States Government. In short, the Government must know something about all of this, and, if so, why is it not made public.

Specifically, I would like to know what the United States Government knows about the final resting place of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan. Three U. S. departments may be involved - The Navy, Marines and State Departments. Also, what was done with the final effects of these two at the time they were secured in 1944 by the U. S. Marines? Finally, why has this all been kept so hush, hush all these years. There may have been sufficient reason in the days of President Roosevelt and even President Truman, but surely no longer. And you would have to be a complete fool to think that the United States Government does not know a great deal more than it has ever been willing to publish. Thank you for your efforts, and I will be looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Robert N. Hazlett

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