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by JSV, SGL, NARA, date 11/13/89

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

SUBJECT: Miss Amelia Earhart - Around-th-World
Flight of.

Reference: (a) CinCus despatch 0014 1324.
(b) Opnav confidential letter Op-38-E-EMR
(SC) A21-5 Serial 4274 of 11 November 1936.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of letter to Mr. Putnam.

1. In view of reference (a), and as indicated in reference (b), the Department desires to assist the flight of Miss Amelia Earhart, as requested in Enclosure (A) to reference (b). That is to say, it wishes to refuel her airplane in flight at Midway Island, and to undertake such other operations as are required to prepare for, and carry out this task.

2. Accordingly, the Commander-in-Chief is hereby directed to take necessary action, and Mr. Putnam has been advised, Enclosure (A), to communicate directly with him relative to this matter.

3. It is noted from Enclosure (A) to reference (b), that Miss Earhart's airplane will be at Los Angeles after December 1st, and that Miss Earhart herself will be available for consultation and actual practice in refueling, after that date. Mr. Putnam's suggestions relative to the employment for this purpose of one or two of the patrol plane crews now at San Diego preparing for the ferry flight to Honolulu, appears worthy of consideration.

4. While it does not appear practicable, or desirable, to charge all expenses in connection with this project to Miss Earhart, it is considered that she should reimburse the Navy Department for any gasoline or oil furnished her own airplane, and the naval personnel engaged in the work, for any personal expenses incurred over and above their usual ones.

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5. While all details are left to the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief, the Department desires to be kept informed of the progress of this matter and if, after further investigation, the Commander-in-Chief considers the undertaking impracticable or inadvisable, he should inform the Department in the premises.

W. H. STANDLEY.

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19 November 1936.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

My letter to your of October 30th stated that the Navy Department would investigate the matter of assisting Miss Earhart in her "Around-the-World Flight" to the extent of fueling her airplane in flight at Midway Island, and would inform you later of its decision.

I am pleased to inform you that, after such investigation, the Department is willing to render the assistance requested, subject however to the successful completion of preliminary preparations and trials.

The matter of expenses it is believed can be arranged satisfactorily. The Department feels that actual tangible costs, such as that for gasoline and oil to be used in her own plane, and for the expenses of personnel engaged in this work, over and above those normally incurred by the personnel concerned, should be borne by Miss Earhart.

The Chief of Naval Operations has directed the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet, to undertake this task, and he has been authorized to communicate directly with you concerning it. You should communicate at once with him, and thereafter he, or a representative designated by him, will arrange all details concerning the preparations, preliminary tests, and actual refueling operations. For your information, the Commander-in-Chief should be addressed on board the U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA at San Pedro, California.

For the present, and until tests have demonstrated the practicability of this plan, the Department feels that it is inadvisable to give any publicity to the Navy's part in the matter.

Hoping that this will be satisfactory and that the undertaking will prove satisfactory, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Standley,
Admiral, U.S.N.
Chief of Naval Operations.

Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
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New York City.