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Date: December 31, 1990

To: [redacted]

The International Group for
Historic Aircraft Recovery
1121 Arundel Drive
Wilmington, Delaware 19808

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Ref: Letters dated October 1, 1990 and October 21, 1990

Re: MATERIAL ANALYSIS EXAMINATION
OF A NAVIGATOR'S BOOKCASE, PART NUMBER 28F4023,
SUSPECTED OF HAVING
BEEN PART OF AMELIA EARHART'S LOST AIRCRAFT

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Report personally delivered to [redacted] at the National Press Bldg, Wash, D.C. on 1/3/91

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RESULTS:

Various areas on both the inside and outside of the Q1 bookcase were subjected to microscopic, microchemical and instrumental analyses in an effort to establish the compositional characteristics of any coating and/or paint residues remaining on the artifact and to address the questions listed in your letters to the FBI Laboratory dated October 1, 1990 and October 21, 1990.

The brown, green and yellowish deposits as depicted in photograph number one (1) are essentially consistent with respect to the numbers of elements present with variations in the quantitative comparisons of the individual elements dependent upon the area(s) sampled. The elements detected in these residues consisted essentially of aluminum, silicon, calcium, chromium, iron, phosphorus, lead, chlorine, potassium, titanium and zinc. It is pointed out that in-depth metallurgical examinations and corrosion studies were not conducted in the FBI Laboratory (per conversation with you on December 6, 1990) and consequently, the metal (aluminum) alloy itself, the environmental contamination and corrosion residues may account for some of these elements along with any paint pigment(s) present.

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The following compounds were identified among the scrapings/deposits removed from these areas: lead chromate, titanium dioxide and kaolinite. These compounds are considered to be significant because they are all common pigments utilized in paints. Although there are indications that zinc chromate is

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present, this could not be positively confirmed instrumentally. The particulates consisting essentially of zinc and chromium are extremely limited and widely dispersed. One explanation for the limited amount remaining, if zinc chromate were used as an anticorrosive pigment, would be that it is partially water soluble and when the paint vehicle (binder) deteriorated, zinc chromate would dissipate in the presence of any moisture.

The residual, paintlike material that surrounded the metal clip depicted in photograph number two (2) and other areas selected at random were found to be generally consistent with the elemental compositions of the brown, green and yellowish deposits previously described. This consistency suggests that the artifact was chemically treated (surface pretreatment) and painted in its entirety. The particular method of painting or orientation of the artifact during painting cannot be determined.

Other inorganic compounds identified on Q1 such as calcium carbonate, aluminum oxide and some complex mineral composites are not considered to be significant from a coatings perspective given the nature of the exposure time and conditions.

Several chemical washes and solid residual sampling of various areas were instrumentally analyzed and they revealed trace amounts of chemicals that are found in alkyd-type resins. It is pointed out that any paint binder remaining on Q1 is extremely limited and contamination from handling, processing, packaging and other testing prior to receipt by the FBI Laboratory cannot be ruled out completely. No phenolic, acrylic, nitrocellulose or any other type of a paint binder was specifically identified on Q1. There were indications that a nitrocellulose resin was present on the metal clip riveted to Q1 as shown in photograph number three (3), but this could not be confirmed instrumentally.

Many variables enter into the evaluation of paints and it is not possible to make absolutely positive statements/ conclusions about paints particularly when there is such a limited amount of sample present to analyze and when very little is known about the exposure period. The effects of the different combinations of climatic conditions, environmental contamination and corrosion over an extended period of time present a very complex picture.

Based upon the analyses conducted by the FBI Laboratory with respect to the paintlike deposits on Q1, nothing was found which would disqualify this artifact as having come from the Earhart aircraft.

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Additional examinations were conducted in an effort to identify the dark stripe which runs diagonally across the back of Q1 as depicted in photograph number four (4). This material consists essentially of calcium and phosphorus with trace amounts of sulfur, potassium and iron. Both inorganic and organic analyses indicate that this material is typical of and consistent with a "glue stock" produced from osseous tissue. Although no leather could be specifically identified in these deteriorated deposits, a glue derived from "hide stock" which was used with leather goods and belting could account for this stripe or the glue could have been used to affix something else to the bookcase. The presence of a urea-formaldehyde resin was also indicated in the stripe area. The specific origin of this resin cannot be ascertained but it is used in some adhesives and coatings. No rubber or rubber by-products or plastics were identified on Q1 in this area.

The Q1 bookcase was returned to you by Federal Express on December 21, 1990.

Enclosures (4) Federal Express # 583 4419 902

* Note: Report furnished on official black letterhead stationary, not usual FBI lab report format, (form 7-1) per instructions of AD John Hicks b7C on Dec. 12, 1990. [redacted]

Also advised on 12/12/90 by AD John Hicks b7C and SA [redacted] FBI press office, not to participate in person at any scheduled press conference arranged by TIGHAR. [redacted]

Personally delivered the Press Office copy b7C to room [redacted] on 12/31/90. [redacted] was not in the office. [redacted]

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July 15th 1937

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Mr Edgar Hoover
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Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Perhaps there is no
far thought in my belief in
Amelia Earhart's supposed dis-
appearance. You may believe
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Amelia Earhart (Endeavor to Locate)

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the modern and mysterious fittings, best in aviation.

Her takeoff was strange from her former performance she remained silent. And her supposed weak signal at the last were for purpose

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of misleading her supposed rescue,

Should you contact group around last takeoff and find the most interested party perhaps it would lead to identity of confederate at guilty nationality

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Trusting that this may help solve her disappearance and relieve her husband's anxiety

Most Sincerely

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A LIVING MEMORIAL TO AMELIA EARHART

Amelia Earhart—her shining courage, her broad human sympathies, her enthusiasms, her deep faith in women—should live on, actively, and remain forever inspiring, especially to the young.

The Amelia Earhart Foundation, therefore, seeks to keep alive and fruitful the memory, not only of Amelia Earhart the valiant pioneer of the air, but of Amelia Earhart—

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking at the inaugural luncheon of The Foundation at the White House, said, "Ever since Amelia Earhart was lost I have had a feeling that everybody would want that personality and spirit and courage carried on in some way, so that people, young people especially, would not forget . . . she had the power to fire their imaginations and make them dream dreams and see visions. I did not really feel that I knew where she had roots, so that a memorial could be started. The idea that she had an interest here in a college and that out of that could grow a living memorial was welcome. I hope that the whole plan will appeal to you as it has to me.

"It will be something that will help young women to do things, something she was interested in, so that something of value to us which Amelia Earhart represented shall be carried on to the younger generation and not die."

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

Shortly before her last flight, Amelia Earhart, deeply interested as ever in promoting advantages for women, planned to aid in erecting a Hall of Residence for women there, and the Trustees feel a moral obligation to fulfill her wish. But as a complete memorial this alone is inadequate. To honor the whole Amelia Earhart, it is planned that The Foundation shall, as well, grant post graduate scholarships in Science and Sociology, her best-beloved subjects.

Open to women graduates of accredited colleges the country over, the Science scholarships will be available at any accredited institution the recipients may choose, and the scholarships in Sociology will be tenable at leading settlements, where recipients will learn as Amelia Earhart learned, serve as Amelia Earhart served.

The immediate goal of The Foundation is $500,000 —$300,000 to endow scholarships, $200,000 for the

Women's Hall of Residence. A Board of Trustees, incorporated separately from the Trustees of Thiel College, is being selected and they will appoint an advisory committee to aid them in selecting candidates for scholarships.

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THE AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION, INC.

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, *Honorary Chairman*

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Dear Sir:

I am writing you [illegible] for a little help, the other day I was listing to the radio I turned the dial to a [illegible] were I have never heard a thing and I heard something like a person sending a message. Well I took a piece of paper an I wrote it down and this is what I would. This is what I heard on Monday. Dot dot stop a second and con dot dot dot. That I heard at 4.00 o'clock. Then about 3 or 4 minute I heard this dot - dot - dot dot - dot dot. Then Tues afternoon I heard this dot - dot. dot - dot. Right of the bat I remember about Amelia Earthart the first five dot I figure it be "Amelia Earthart Calling United States." I say I wouldn't give up hope for our Amelia Earthart. Please see if you can figure out the message and let me know.

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Thursday after none 3. I heard on the radio some one sending a message. I don't think [illegible] Earl art is dead I pretty sure he not dead. I think it is her or the fellow that sending the message. Please do not give up hope please. Please excuse my writing and envelope I could fine any [illegible] forgive me.

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Here is what I heard

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October 19, 1937

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Lockport, New York.

b6 Dear [redacted]

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In your letter you refer to certain radio messages which you have heard and which, you believe, have been sent by Amelia Earhart.

Please be advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice has no facilities to aid in a search, or render the assistance which you request in your letter.

I wish to thank you for calling this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Buffalo

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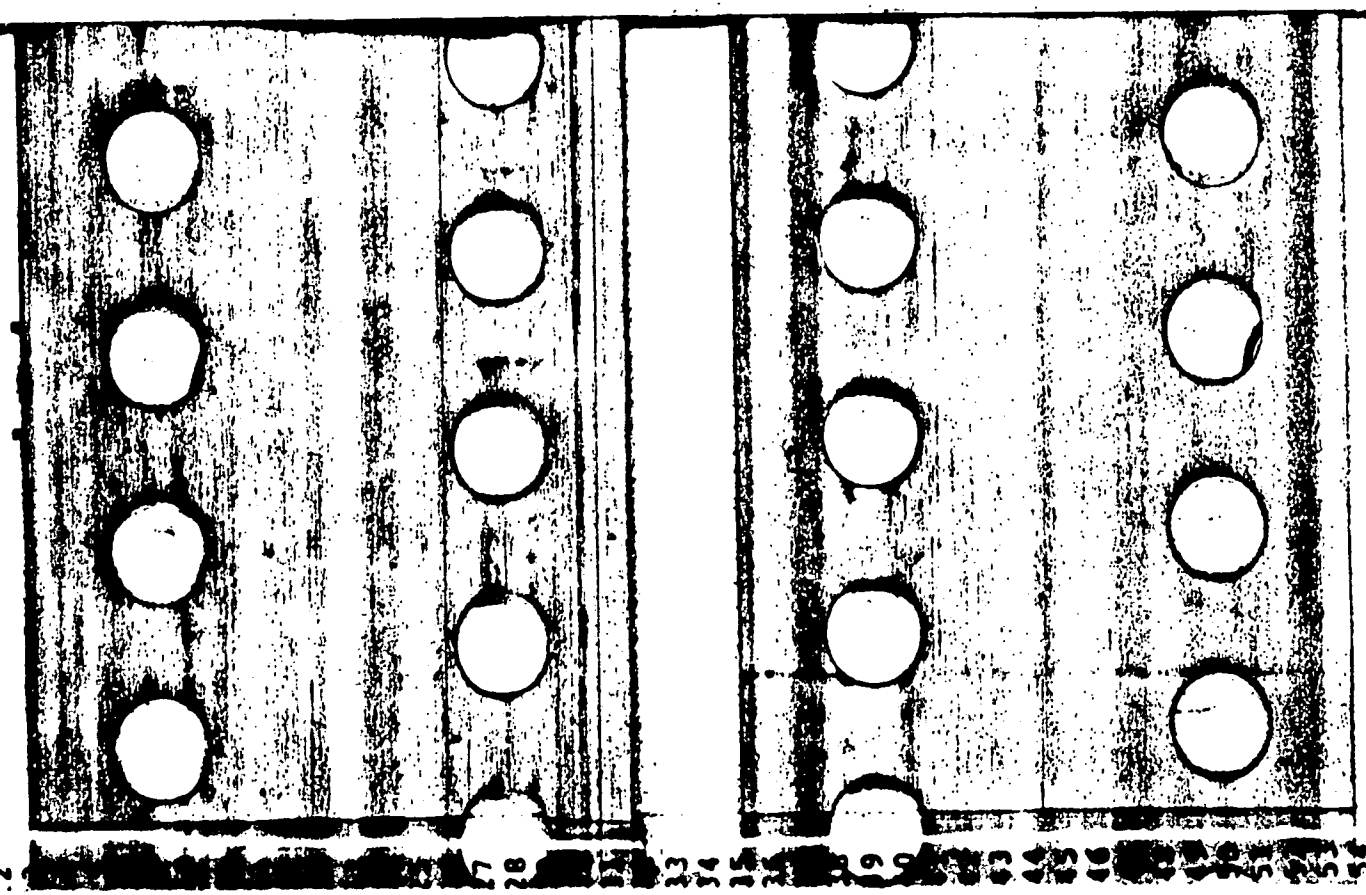

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THE WASHINGTON COMMITTEE

invites

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

to become a member of the

AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Honorary Chairman
National Sponsors Committee

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Please reply to
Mrs. Walter R. Tuckerman
Edgemoor
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Miss Gandy
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From Mrs. Roosevelt's remarks at the Amelia Earhart Foundation Luncheon—The White House, February 25, 1938:

"My congratulations on your splendid determination to establish a living memorial to Amelia Earhart. She was one of the most distinguished of our modern American women, both in courage and character. In honoring her I feel you are honoring all that is finest in American womanhood.

"A living memorial will be something that will help young women to do things. It will be something she was interested in. I hope we will be able to interest many more people in order that something of value to us which Amelia Earhart represented shall be carried to the younger generation and not die."

Membership in the Foundation may be taken in any one of the following classes. The Washington Committee hopes to enlist a substantial number of national members who thereby become entitled to a certificate of such membership.

National Founder	$1,000 or more
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National Member	$100
Donor	$50
Participant	$25
Contributor	$10

Please make checks payable to

THE AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION, INC.

Women's [illegible] of Residence. A Board of Trustees, incorporated separately from the Trustees of Thiel College, is being selected and they will appoint an advisory committee to aid them in selecting candidates for scholarships.

The fund raising Headquarters in Washington are Suite 105, 744 Jackson Place, N.W., and the Washington depository is the Riggs National Bank, 1503 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Please make checks payable to The Amelia Earhart Foundation, Inc.

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE

as of May 10, 1938

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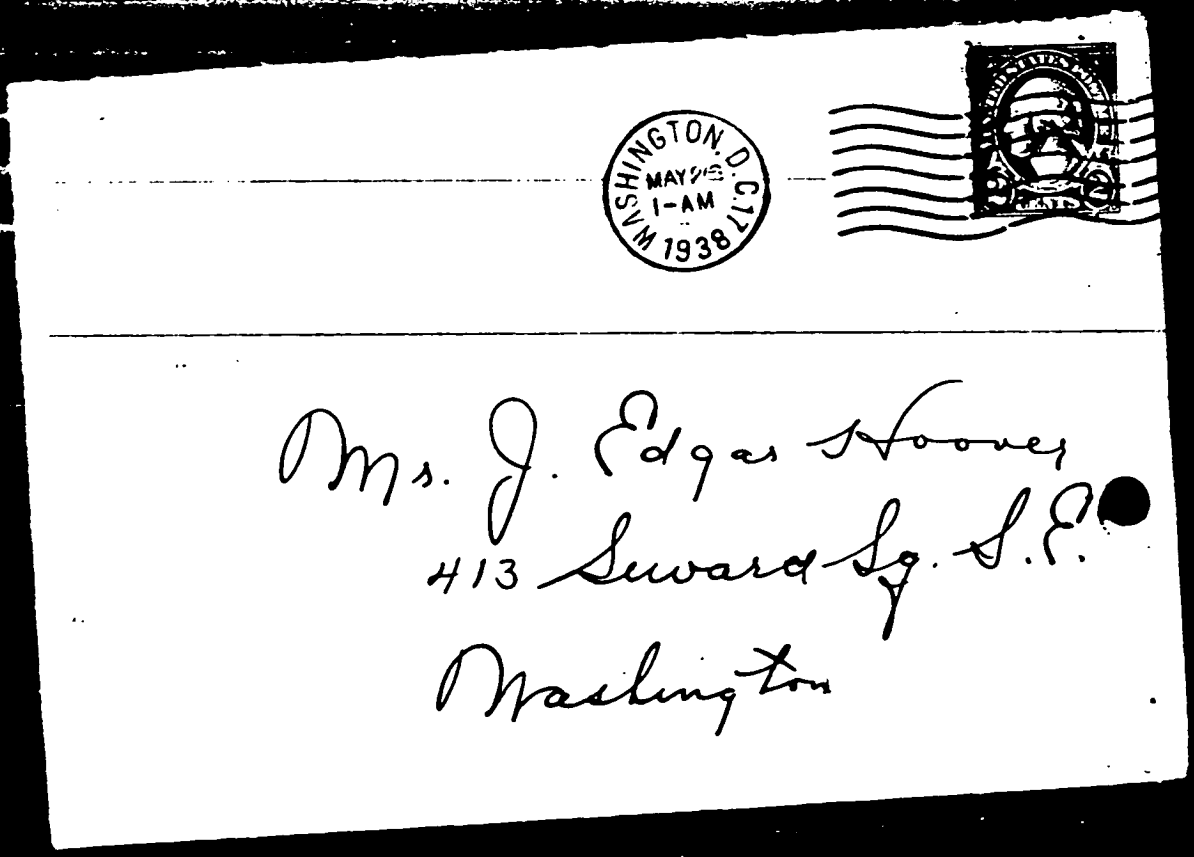
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June 7, 1938

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Mrs. Walter R. Tuckerman
Edgemoor
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Tuckerman:

In Mr. Hoover's absence from Washington, I wish to acknowledge receipt of the invitation which has been extended to him by the Washington Committee to become a member of the Amelia Earhart Foundation.

Immediately upon his return to Washington this invitation will be called to Mr. Hoover's attention.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy,
Secretary.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dwyer
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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June 14, 1938

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION

Mr. Chamberlain of the above organization called at this office to inquire whether or not any contributions had been received in response to bulletins which had been placed on this Bureau's bulletin board, indicating the writer as the person who would receive contributions. He was advised that no contributions had been received.

Mr. Chamberlain stated that the above organization had first determined to have these bulletins placed at strategic points, without any active solicitation, in the hopes that voluntary contributions would be received. He indicated that there has been very little success in any location concerning the matter of receiving contributions. Mr. Chamberlain further stated that his organization was contemplating trying to make arrangements to have active solicitation for funds. He indicated that a letter was being written to the Attorney General requesting that the Department of Justice appoint certain individuals to canvass the personnel. In this regard, he was advised that ordinarily this Bureau did not solicit funds for any organizations, with the exception of the Red Cross and the Community Chest. He was informed, however, that if the Attorney General indicated it was his desire to have such a solicitation made, this Bureau would, of course, cooperate.

Respectfully,

R. H. Laughlin

R. H. Laughlin.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 14, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF ALL DIVISIONS

An appeal is being made by the Amelia Earhart Foundation for contributions, no matter how small for the purpose of establishing a worthy and lasting 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 that of Amelia Earhart.

It will be appreciated if a representative of your Division can be designated for the purpose of soliciting contributions to this cause, the returns to be made to the Office of the Chief Clerk, Room 1605, before June 21.

Your hearty cooperation in this undertaking will be appreciated.

T. D. QUINN,

Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM

(Not printed at Government expense)

IN MEMORIAM—AMELIA EARHART

SPEECH

OF

HON. HATTIE W. CARAWAY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 27, 1938

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 untrammeled 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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Mr. Quinn forwards memo to heads of all divisions adv. an appeal is being made for the Amelia Earhart Foundation for contributions. Requests representative be designated to solicit contributions to this cause. Copies of speech of Hon. Hattie W. Caraway in memory of Amelia Earhart are attached.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. T. D. QUINN
THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to your memorandum of June 14, 1938, I wish to advise you that there was transmitted to Mr. H. C. Donaldson yesterday the sum of $28.27, representing contributions of employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Amelia Earhart Foundation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
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June 24, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

This will acknowledge your memorandum of June 22, 1938, transmitting the sum of $28.27, representing contributions of employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Amelia Earhart Foundation.

The very fine response of the Bureau to this appeal is greatly appreciated. Please accept my sincere thanks.

T. D. QUINN,
Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General.

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[redacted]
Ashland, Kentucky
September 22nd, 1943

Mr. Walter Winchell,
c/o Daily Mirror,
235 E. 45th Street,
New York, N.Y.

I have turned yours
over to my Hoover.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

On July 3rd., 1937 at 2:20 P.M. E.S.T., I picked up Amelia Earhart's distress signal by radio short wave. This message contained some 300 to 400 words -- in which she described Mille or Mulgrave Atoll, Klee Passage, Knox Island and seemed to be located on a small island of 133 acres adjoining Knox, directly N.E. of a part of Marshall Island.

The above message was accidently picked up and, of course, contained many words to be remembered. Static did not interfere with reception at this time but later all messages were over-lapped. I heard the call letters one time only, but heard the name several different times.

She stated very plainly they had everything. Just what this meant I do not know.

E.S.T. was given as the time of her broadcast. Many people have disagreed with me, about this time, but it is my opinion they had a reason for useing E.S.T. because she definitely stated the exact time. I have been told these Fliers would have expected their calls to be received only on the west coast. This doesn't make sense to me for anyone in their plight, any more than the fact the wrong call letters were given to or by the news.

I made an attempt to get the attention of someone who was interested in these people but at the same time I thought their calls had been received by the proper authorities. I was not informed until quite recently nothing had been heard from Miss Earhart.

So far I haven't been able to contact anyone who was tuned to the frequency at the time the 2:20 SOS was received but many have contradicted me about the call being a genuine distress signal.

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Information contained herein furnished orally to MLD & [illegible] matter had received this information [illegible] they stated that they were of the opinion that it was [illegible] unknown

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In the above mentioned broadcast Amelia Earhart stated their food supply was good. I presume she referred to the provisions they had with them, because she also said there was not any habitation or life but some vegetation and it was a bleak place, but they were alright at that time. She spoke of the Captain's injury.

The maps to which I have access list only one Knox or Tarawa Island. This corresponds to her statement they were located on a British New Guinea controlled island between 1800 and 1900 miles from New Guinea, but seems to be out of line with some other directions given by Miss Earhart.

There are many "if, ifs" about the disappearance of Amelia Earhart and Capt. Noonan, one of which is -- if these people haven't been located some record might be found at this late date.

Miss Earhart described the damage to the plane and stated it was drifting. She, also, said they could see a few small trees on part of another island in day light.

The last time I heard the name spoken was Aug. 10 of that year, and their sound wave was received only a few times after this date.

The fact that I could pick up both of two way communications and did not hear any messages addressed to these people leads me to believe they were received on a frequency not intended for their use.

I have been advised by reliable authorities all messages supposedly from these people have been traced and found to be false. I do not know how they have been traced, but do know this is not true in my case. The matter may be something which does not concern me, but it is true. SOS signals can't be played over as Victrola records.

Another, "if" -- these people were truly lost it is a pity some broadcast arrangements to and from them could not have been made within this section as I am sure it would have been successful. After all they were human.

There would be no point in my stating I had heard Amelia Earhart if I hadn't because any individual was likely to have picked up these galls. Many persons probably did hear them but did not report them to G.P.P.

Your question about the reception makes me think there might be a difference in calls heard other than by stations.

Thank you for your reply to my message and present interest.

Very truly yours,

66 [redacted]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 12/27/44
SWR:edm

FROM : Mr. S. [illegible]

SUBJECT: AMELIA EARHARDT

Earhart

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
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b6 [redacted] called at the Bureau and was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] of the Liaison Section. [redacted] advised Mr. [redacted] that he had been directed to talk with [redacted] by the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He stated that he had a story to tell which he felt might be under the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI and consequently he was furnishing it to the Bureau prior to bringing it to the attention of any individual in the United States Army.

[redacted] informed [redacted] that he has been staying at Walter Reed Hospital recuperating. He was observed wearing a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, a Soldier's Good Conduct Ribbon, a Pacific and an American Theater Ribbon, and a National Defense Ribbon. [redacted] was also observed wearing a Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters. It should be noted that at the beginning of the interview, [redacted] appeared to be talking in "bunches". He did not appear to be able to furnish a coherent, logical statement of facts. However, as the interview progressed, [redacted] noted that [redacted] became more coherent in his remarks and impressed [redacted] with his reliability.

b6 [redacted] advised [redacted] that he was attached to the American forces in the Philippines prior to Pearl Harbor and that on one occasion he and another American soldier were entertained by some Japanese in a hotel in the Philippines. He stated the walls of this hotel were extremely thin and he overheard a conversation in English between two Japanese to the effect that Amelia Earhardt was still alive and was being detained at a hotel in Tokyo. [redacted] stated that he never has been able to forget these remarks and shortly after Pearl Harbor he was taken prisoner by the Japanese along with other Americans remaining at Bataan. He advised [redacted] that he was a member of the infamous "Death March" and had many horrible recollections concerning the miseries and tortures inflicted upon the American personnel by the Japanese. He stated that he had been in Japanese prisoner of war camps from that time on. He pointed out that at one prisoner of war camp he was given the job of typing statements made by American officers to the Japanese intelligence authorities. He stated that one day after some interviews had been conducted and he was alone in the room with the Japanese intelligence officer, he inquired of the Japanese officer, "Would you tell me frankly if my cousin Amelia Earhardt is still alive?" [redacted] stated that the Japanese intelligence officer was apparently taken back by [redacted] remark but is alleged to have stated that he could not tell [redacted] anything except "Don't worry about her well being. She is perfectly all right."

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b6 [redacted] stated that this caused him to inquire of various Japanese guards at the various prisoner of war camps from time to time regarding Amelia Earhardt, and he stated that some of the Japanese stated they did not know anything about it, some stated that they had heard her over the Japanese radio, others that they had seen her in Tokyo, and still others that they had heard she was alive and in Tokyo.

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[redacted] stated that his suspicion that Amelia Earhardt did not drown at sea in her plane was strengthened when working around Japanese air strips as a manual laborer as he had observed certain planes which contained instruments which he thought were identical with those in Amelia Earhardt's airplane.

[redacted] stated that he is not connected with Military Intelligence in any way but at the present time he has been interviewed and is being interviewed by various sections of the War Department for any information he was able to obtain concerning the Japanese while he was a prisoner.

[redacted] advised [redacted] further that he was on board the Japanese troop ship which was transporting American prisoners of war away from the Philippines and which, as you recall, was torpedoed by an American torpedo plane drowning many of the American personnel. [redacted] stated that the conditions on board this prison ship were horrible, that the American prisoners of war did not have room to lie down on the floor and that they were forced to remain in the hold of the ship with all hatches closed from 15 to 18 hours at a time. [redacted] stated that one day the hatches were quickly closed and they heard an airplane which sounded like an American airplane. He stated that they heard the antiaircraft guns of the ship firing at the airplanes and suddenly the ship was hit and broke apart. [redacted] stated that he and several Americans were thrown into the water. He stated that as he was swimming around he saw a Japanese quartermaster taking a sight at him with his rifle. [redacted] stated that he attempted to surface dive and the bullet grazed his chin. At this point in the interview [redacted] exhibited the scar under his chin to [redacted] stated that he was able to swim around concealed by the wreckage. [redacted] stated that the Japanese quartermaster was thrown out of a rowboat due to the roughness of the sea and that he, [redacted] was able to kill the Japanese with a piece of wreckage that he had in his hand. [redacted] stated that the ship when it was torpedoed was about three miles off the Philippines and he, [redacted] was able to swim ashore in about six hours. He stated that he was subsequently rescued from the Philippines by friendly natives and the American forces.

[redacted] exhibited to [redacted] many news clippings and pictures of himself and others appearing at bond rallies, et cetera, and telling the details of their experiences. [redacted] stated that he did not intend to publish any information that he had obtained concerning Amelia Earhardt for fear that it would only cause the Japanese to take drastic action against Amelia Earhardt. He stated, however, that he is trying to run down the individual who was present in the hotel with him in the Philippines who could substantiate his story.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that the Bureau had conducted no investigation concerning the disappearance of Amelia Earhardt and that any information the Bureau had obtained from time to time concerning Amelia Earhardt had been turned over to the appropriate offices of the War and Navy Departments. [redacted] suggested to [redacted] that he should tell his story to the Military Intelligence Service in order that it might be brought to the attention of the proper officials of the War Department so that it may be run out as a target when the American Forces land in Japan.

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cc: Mr. Wallace
Liaison Section

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Date: January 18, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Brigadier General Carter W. Clarke

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

The information set forth below was furnished to this Bureau by a member of the armed forces, whose reliability is unknown, in the latter part of December, 1944. This information which concerns the aviatrix, Amelia Earhardt, who was reported to have drowned somewhere in the Pacific some years ago in the course of an attempted airplane flight around the world, is being furnished to you and to the Office of Naval Intelligence for information and of possible interest.

The informant related that he was attached to the American Forces in the Philippine Islands before Pearl Harbor and that on one occasion he and another American soldier were entertained by some Japanese in a hotel in the Philippine Islands. He described the walls of this hotel as extremely thin, enabling him to overhear a conversation in English between two Japanese to the effect that Amelia Earhardt was still a[illegible] and being detained at a hotel in Tokyo, Japan. Subsequently this soldier was taken prisoner by the Japanese along with other American soldiers on Bataan and experienced numerous hardships as a prisoner of the Japanese. He stated that at one prisoner of [illegible] camp he was given the task of typing statements made by American officers to the Japan[illegible] intelligence authorities. He said that one day after a number of interviews had been conducted and he was alone in the office with a Japanese intelligence officer, he inqu[illegible] of this officer if "My cousin, Amelia Earhardt is still alive?" The informant stated the Japanese intelligence officer was apparently surprised by his remark but stated he could tell him nothing except "Don't worry about her well being. She is perfectly all right."

The soldier said he remembered the earlier remarks overheard by him in the hotel in the Philippines and these circumstances caused him to inquire of various Japanese guards at several prisoner of war camps from time to time regarding Amelia Earhardt. [illegible] advised that some of the Japanese stated that they did not know anything about her, [illegible] that they had heard her over the Japanese radio, others that they had seen her in [illegible] and still others that they had heard she was alive and in Tokyo. The informant said [illegible] that Amelia Earhardt did not drown at sea in her plane was strengthened by the fact that when working around Japanese air strips as a manual laborer, he had observed certain planes containing instruments which he believed were identical with those in Amelia Earhardt's airplane.

The soldier furnishing the above information was referred to the Military Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C.

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cc: Director
Office of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. [illegible]
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Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Henden
Mr. Kramer
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TELEPHONE:
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TELEGRAPH:
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

COMMONWEALTH INVESTIGATION BRANCH

CANBERRA, A.C.T., 19th March, 1947

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE NO. C.66644.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

A letter, dated 4th March, 1947, headed with the address [redacted] California" and signed [redacted] copy attached - has been received here and a perusal of the relative file (upon which are several other letters - some suggestive that U.S. Forces (G.H.Q.) Tokyo had been similarly written to) indicates that all are upon the subject of the disappearance of Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam and her aircraft years ago.

As it is probable that your Bureau will have received like communications from [redacted] any advice you could afford as to how these communications should be regarded would be appreciated; the phraseology of the letters is somewhat excited and at times disjointed.

In brief, [redacted] expresses the belief that the missing aircraft would probably be found in Japan (having been earlier transported from a Pacific area) and that Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam and Mr. Noonan may still be found living in some remote places.

The letter has not been answered pending reference to you.

Yours very sincerely,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Amelia Earhart
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J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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4th March 1947

The Director General of Security
Box 46 G.P.O.
Canberra A.C.T.

Sir:

Concerning the matter of the Earhart plane of 1937, memorandum is made supplementing letter 1st January 1947.

Following development in Japan, all supplemental matter possible within my facilities has been sent on occasion to the Australian Intelligence Officer in Japan. Although the matter of Mr. Noonan, unlike that of the aviatrix, does not, within my information, afford material for specificity of locus, it does afford far-reaching possibilities. The recovery of Mr. Noonan within a nominal time appears quite fairly probable; there are factors which would have operated to preserve Mr. Noonan's life.

Allowing for newspaper inaccuracies, a fairly helpful description of Mr. Noonan was derived and sent. Also a photo-enlrgt. from small cut, showing Mr. Noonan's full figure and face, was gotten without risking incurrence of rumors, and copies sent. There were suggested the possibilities that inhere in the tracing of property-ownerships especially in northern coastal region of Hokkaido; and which might be exploited with great possibility through subtle and innocuous pretexts. In this connection, former Naval officers of the Kamoi or the Koshu, including one Hanjiro Takagi (one-time officer of the Koshu), or relatives or colleagues, and any of any major attendant of the Temple of Hachiman near Usa, were suggested.

The principal part of the region believed especially significant is occupied by the prefecture of Abashiri, or northerly coastwise Hokkaido (prior to the summer of 1945, Mr. Noonan was quite possibly in the Kuril Islands).

The matter of Mr. Noonan is not necessarily of any great difficulty; there have been many, and still are some, Nisei in the U.S. Army, who have served with high distinction and brilliance. A few of these, if coached by a qualified officer, and if aided by subtle and innocuous pretexts readily devisable, might locate Mr. Noonan in a quite reasonable time; they could be used for that even without knowing who was being looked for; they could pick up local gossip; through that, a subtle officer could find anything on earth. The necessary precautions upon locating any tall Caucasian, would be apprehended.

Under the now conditions, it will be seen that any further contingent development would also be retained from public knowledge, till Mr. Noonan be had.

Respectfully,

b6 [redacted]

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April 16, 1947

Lieutenant Colonel Longfield Lloyd
Commonwealth Investigation Branch
Canberra, A. C. T.

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Dear Colonel Lloyd:

Reference is made to your communication No. C.66644, dated March 19, 1947, concerning a letter received by you from one [redacted] of [redacted] California.

An examination of our files has been made, but there is no record contained therein of any communication from an individual named [redacted] concerning Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam. As you might have surmised, we have in the past received many communications suggesting that Mrs. Putnam is still alive. None of these has been found to have any foundation in fact however and none of these is of recent date.

I regret that I cannot be of further assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

COMMONWEALTH INVESTIGATION [redacted] SERVICE

CANBERRA, A.C.T., 28th May, 1947.

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE No. C. 66644.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover,

[redacted] RE MRS. AMELIA EARHART PUTNAM.

I have to acknowledge and thank you for your advice of the 16th April, 1947.

This Service has meantime received a further communication from [redacted] copy of which I enclose for your information and any action you care to take.

The letter will not be acknowledge to [redacted] from here.

Yours sincerely,

Longfield Lloyd

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J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
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Registered. Confidential. 13th May, 1947.

The Director-General of Security
Box 46 G.P.O.,
Canberra, A.C.T.

Sir:

Memorandum is made supplementing that of 4th March 1947, re - the Earhart plane of 1937, and re - disclosures of intelligence thereon. Transmission hereof is being made this date to Intelligence Officer, Australian Contingent, APO 500, Japan.

Circa 1939 et al, in Marshall Islands, on the eastern part of Majuro atoll, on the island named Rita Island by U.S. Occupation Forces, was a store operated by a Japanese trader whose name is rendered "Ajima", after the pronunciation is given by natives. Ajima may have been operating for the Japanese South Seas Bureau, Nanyo Buika Kaisha; Ajima had also a house in Majuro village, on the island about 25 miles down the lagoon from Rita Island, and being at S.W. corner of Majuro atoll. Employed by Ajima was a native, male, name rendered "Elieu", being perhaps 32 to 35 years old now, and residing then on Rita Island, working in the store there. In February 1944, Elieu, conversing with Americans, said, and adhered to it, that Ajima had said, a few years before, that a plane had come down with an American woman in it, and had been picked up by Japanese and "taken back to Japan".

Ajima had a sailing cutter, and plied between Majuro atoll and Juluit frequently. The Regional Headquarters of Nanyo Buika Kaisha apparently was then at Korror in the Palau Islands.

Ajima well known to numerous natives. His house in Majuro village still stood in 1944. Elieu doubtless still on Majuro.

Many former Japanese employees of Nanyo Buika Kaisha are likely to know things that would make possible identifications of implicated parties. Subtlety would get identifications.

Respectfully,

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Beaumont Texas
August 27th 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director of the F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter to ask a favor of you;a good many years ago Amelia Earhart was forced down on account of engine trouble, at that time the air port was only two blocks from my home...my wife and I dressed in hurry and went over there to get a good look at her- we had been there just a few moments when she and her pilot arrived, they opened up cockpit and got out some tools and got up on the engine and went to work...I noticed a peice of paper on the floor and picked it up and it was a weather report in her hand writing I am sure but was not signed...I kept it as I was always a great admirer of this plucky little woman and have many newspaper write ups about her. All of these news paper write ups together with many other things of interest I have collected through life I expect to turn over to the University of Texas when I pass on for the future generations to see.

Now being this weather report was not signed it would no doubt be doubted so the favor I am going to ask of you is this: If I send this to you will you have the hand writing verified fron other weather reports I know must be on hand? and if you can verify it as her hand writing and will attach something to it to show that it really her hand writing...it may be asking a lot of you but I know of no other way to prove it. I am seventy one years of age and I want to have all things in order for delivery to the University.Please advise me Mr. Hoover as soon as possible for which please accept my thanks in advance.

Yours very sincerely

[redacted]

Beaumont Texas.

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b6 [redacted]

Beaumont, Texas

b6 Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 30, 1955, has been received.

For your information, the FBI technical personnel cannot conduct examinations such as you requested unless the request emanates from local law enforcement agencies, in connection with criminal cases being handled by them, or from other governmental agencies.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 1-20-67

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MANUSCRIPT OF PROPOSED BOOK ENTITLED "REQUIEM FOR AMELIA" BY LT. COL. PAUL BRIAND, USAF

Captioned manuscript was furnished the Crime Research Section by Lt. Col. Estes of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. It had been furnished to that office by the author for security review. Estes asked that we review that portion of the manuscript which pertains to the FBI and furnish comments.

The manuscript deals with the disappearance of Amelia Earhart and her copilot in the Pacific in 1937. The author indicates he has reviewed Navy records to determine whether Miss Earhart may have been on a spy mission for the U.S. at the time she disappeared. He notes that Navy files contain no information that she was on any official mission for our Government; however, he asserts that Miss Earhart and her copilot landed on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, were taken into custody by the Japanese, and later died or were executed. The author claims that the Japanese could not release the two because they had seen the Japanese military buildup on that island which the Japanese were attempting to keep secret.

MENTION OF THE FBI IN THE MANUSCRIPT:

Pages 31 and 32 contain excerpts from information furnished by the Bureau to the War Department, copy furnished to the Office of Naval Intelligence, concerning data furnished us in 12-44 by an Armed Forces member who claimed that while he was in the Philippines he overheard conversations indicating that Miss Earhart was alive and being detained in Tokyo. The author terms this information as "hearsay evidence, very reliably reported by FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover."

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Lt. Col. Paul Briand is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Enclosure

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Liaison Section

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M. A. Jones to Wick memo
RE: "REQUIEM FOR AMELIA"

OBSERVATIONS:

The author, Briand, obtained access to the above-mentioned information from a review of Navy files. It is noted that while it was marked "Confidential," this was an administrative classification, and under present security procedures, it does not warrant classification since the release of it would not be prejudicial to the national defense.

It appears, however, that the author may be using this information as having come from the FBI to bolster his claim that Earhart was captured by the Japanese. It is felt, therefore, that we should insist that if the information is used, it not be attributed to the FBI. It is noted that in copying the excerpt, the author omitted a line in the material; this is being penciled in the manuscript which will be returned to Lt. Col. Estes.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached manuscript be furnished to our Liaison Section to be returned to Lt. Col. Estes. Estes should be told that the information set forth as having been furnished by the FBI should not be attributed to us. The suggested changes have been noted directly on the manuscript.

DIRECTORATE FOR SECURITY REVIEW
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OASD(PA)

COORDINATION RECORD

CASE NO. 66-10200

DATE 16 January 1967

TO:

F. B. I.
ATTN: Mr. Jones, Room 4264
Justice Building

DESCRIPTION

Submitted by: MAG & BOOK BRANCH OASD(PA)

Ms: "Requiem for Amelia," by LtCol Paul Briand, USAF, AF Academy, for pub.

THE ATTACHED MATERIAL IS FORWARDED FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS CASE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO Lt Col Estes

EXT: 75458

Pages 31 - 32 only. One copy only. Please return.

A REPLY IS REQUESTED BY 23 January 1967

COORDINATION OFFICE ACTION

TO: Directorate for Security Review, OASD *(PA)*

REVIEW BY THIS OFFICE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM, RESULTS IN THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING CLEARANCE FOR PUBLICATION *(check one)*:

- [ ] NO OBJECTION AS RECEIVED.
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PERTINENT PORTION RETAINED FOR FBI FILES (Original was returned to sender)

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REPLACES SD FORM 373, 1 FEB 63, WHICH IS OBSOLETE.

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REQUIEM FOR AMELIA

by

Paul L. Briand, Jr.

"Where's the rest of it?"

"That's it. There is no rest."

"You're kidding."

"No. That's all there is."

It was November 1, 1966. I had just finished reading the ~~classified~~ OFFICIAL NAVY FILE file ~~from the Office of Naval Intelligence~~ on Amelia Earhart, and I wanted my theories confirmed. I had been waiting to see the file for NAVY more than five years, convinced that its pages had hidden for almost thirty years the secret to the mysterious disappearance of the famous flier. ~~The file is classified CONFIDENTIAL.~~ I was allowed to see the

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If belief could be given to other kinds of information about Amelia Earhart--hearsay, overheard conversation and short wave reports, for example--the ONI file reveals a considerable amount from 1943 through 1949, just for the record.

On August 25, 1943, Mrs. C. B. Paxton, 2605 Hackworth St., Ashland, Kentucky, wrote to Naval Intelligence, saying that during July 1937 she picked up by short-wave Amelia Earhart's S. O. S. which for several reasons had to be AE speaking. She said Amelia's location was near Mulgrave or Mille Atoll in the northeast sector of the Marshall Islands. Mrs. Paxton said that AE did not speak of herself being injured but did describe an injury to Fred Noonan, her navigator.

On September 17, 1943, Mrs. Paxton wrote again, this time to the Chief of Naval Operations, claiming she definitely heard AE at 2:20 p.m., EST, on July 3, 1937. Mrs. Paxton said that Amelia described the island of Mille or Mulgrave, near Knox Island and Klee Passage, in the southeast Marshall Islands.

These were radio short-wave messages. But what of an overheard conversation? Had Amelia Earhart been taken to Japan? Hearsay evidence, ~~very reliably reported by FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, from information given to his office~~ furnished to military authorities in December 1944 by a "member of the armed forces" indicates that she was in Tokyo. The serviceman is not identified, but the report says:

> "The informant related that he was attached to the American Forces in the Philippine Islands before

Pearl Harbor and that on one occasion he and another American soldier were entertained by some Japanese in a hotel in the Philippine Islands. He described the walls of this hotel as extremely thin, enabling him to overhear a conversation in English between two Japanese to the effect that Amelia Earhart was still alive and being detained at a hotel in Tokyo, Japan. Subsequently this soldier was taken prisoner by the Japanese along with other American soldiers on Bataan and experienced numerous hardships as a prisoner of the Japanese. He stated that at one prisoner of war camp he was given the task of typing statements made by American officers to the Japanese intelligence authorities. He said that one day after a number of interviews had been conducted and he was alone in the office with a Japanese intelligence officer, he inquired of this officer if 'My cousin Amelia Earhart is still alive?' The informant stated the Japanese intelligence officer was apparently surprised by his remarks but stated he could tell him nothing except 'Don't worry about her well being. She is perfectly all right.'" (62-48646-8)

Back and forth through almost thirty years, the story of Amelia Earhart has unfolded, not clarifying the mystery of her disappearance, but deepening and complicating it by hearsay evidence and the conflicting testimony of natives who should know, and be able to tell, the truth.

Amelia Earhart was not on a spy mission for her government; she did not crash-land on Saipan; she was not taken as a prisoner; she was not executed as a spy or allowed to die. These are the conclusions of the ~~Office of Naval Intelligence~~ NAVY in the official report I was allowed to read. Considering ~~its~~ THEIR evidence, ~~ONLY~~ THEY could reach no other conclusions.

Most interestingly, there is no villain in the piece. The U. S. Navy was not trying to suppress or hide information. On the contrary, ~~Naval~~

1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Mossburg

REC 54 EX-110

(NI) 62-48646 - 13

Date: April 19, 1967

To: Director
Naval Investigative Service
Office of Naval Intelligence
4420 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22203

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: AMELIA EARHART PUTNAM
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Reference is made to your letter dated April 11, 1967, your reference NIS-43/rd3850 Ser 5149, entitled "Classification of material on Amelia Earhart Putnam."

We have no objection to our letter dated January 18, 1945, being furnished to the Office of Naval History. Information set forth in this letter is not classified under any rule, order, or statute now in effect and the classification markings should therefore be removed.

MAILED 19
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COMM-FBI

1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army

Attention: Director of Security

NOTE:

Naval Investigative Service has received numerous inquiries from citizens concerning Amelia Earhart Putnam, noted aviatrix who disappeared in 1937. Navy desires to declassify its file concerning Putnam and turn it over to Office of Naval History. Navy file contains letter 1-18-45 from FBI which in top right-hand corner has wording "Confidential, By Special Messenger." This was administrative classification only and under present security procedures the information in our letter does not warrant classification. Our letter reported information regarding Putnam's rumored whereabouts.

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From: Director, Naval Investigative Service
To: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Liaison Section)

Subj: Classification of material on Amelia Earhart PUTNAM

1. This Service maintains a file on the noted American aviatrix Amelia Earhart PUTNAM, who disappeared in the Pacific Ocean while on a highly publicized around the world flight attempt in July 1937. The file consists largely of the results of inquiries made by Naval Intelligence in response to numerous requests for information on her fate and on the credibility of various rumors concerning her disappearance. Some of the material in this file is classified confidential.

2. The recent publication of a book purporting to tell the story of Amelia Earhart's disappearance has been followed by an increased number of inquiries to this Service about the contents of this file. Nothing in this file is of continuing intelligence or security interest. We wish to declassify the file and transfer it to the Office of Naval History, which could then make it available to serious researchers upon request.

3. The file contains one item originating from the Federal Bureau of Investigation classified confidential. This is a copy of a letter addressed to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department, Washington, D.C., Attention: Brigadier General Carter W. Clarke, and dated January 18, 1945. This letter forwards information about Amelia Earhart furnished by an unidentified soldier. It is requested that this Service be advised if this letter may be declassified and forwarded to the Office of Naval History as noted above.

Letter has no caption-copy obtained on loan and attached. Should be returned to D.R. Paschal, Navy. JMF 4/13/67

Let to Director Naval Investigative Service
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E. G. RIFENBURGH

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: October 29, 1970

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BUREAU COOPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY
EDWARD M. KELLY
TELE-FACT, INC.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

This morning captioned individual, accompanied by John B. Perna, who is his associate and also a practicing attorney, came to the Bureau. Kelly advised that he was President of an organization known as People-To-People Communications located in Washington and had formed Tele-Fact, Inc., for the purpose of producing a single television documentary dealing with the 1937 disappearance of famous aviatrix, Amelia Earhart. He said his proposed documentary had not been sold to a network but that he had several sponsors interested. Kelly said he had examined files of the State and Navy Departments, as well as other agencies, and now wanted to get whatever information we had available on this matter. He was told of our policy in this regard and the fact that it would not be possible to be of assistance.

Kelly said he understood and pointed out that his contact with the Bureau was the last stop in canvassing several government agencies. He said he was aware of the Bureau's jurisdiction in these matters and really did not think that it would be possible for us to be of assistance.

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Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Kelly, Perna, and Tele-Fact, Inc., and no information regarding People-To-People Communications. We never conducted any investigation of Amelia Earhart's disappearance and the only references in our files to her are, for the most part, letters from individuals speculating concerning her disappearance.

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Kelly said his documentary would deal with the known ~~facts of~~ Miss Earhart's disappearance in 1937, supplemented by his own theories. Kelly believes the Japanese were aware of Miss Earhart's fate. He speculates that her plane crashed on a South Pacific Island and was taken to another island where the Japanese repaired it. The plane was then flown to Saipan, probably by Miss Earhart, where it crashed again. Kelly says the remains of a body found near-by have been identified as Miss Earhart's by an anthropologist and that pieces of the plane's wreckage were also identified with the aircraft flown by Miss Earhart.

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Bishop CJHJlh (6)

b6 [redacted]
Staten Island, N.Y.
Oct. 7, 1971

F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Do you have any information about Amelia Earhart. If so would you please send me the information about her. Was Amelia Earhart Tokyo Rose?

My address is:

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b6 [redacted]
Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

b6 [redacted]

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October 14, 1971

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b6 [redacted]
Staten Island, New York 10314

b6 Dear [redacted]

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your letter received on October 12th, the FBI does not have any material for distribution concerning Amelia Earhart. She was not the individual known as "Tokyo Rose." You may be able to find data regarding both of these people in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record correspondent.

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