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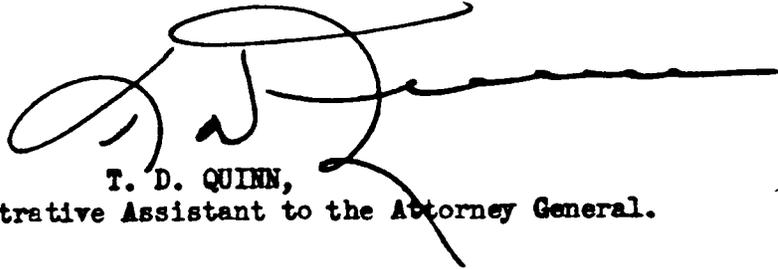
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June 24, 1938.

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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Ashland, Kentucky

September 22nd, 1943

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

*I have traced your  
distress signal.*

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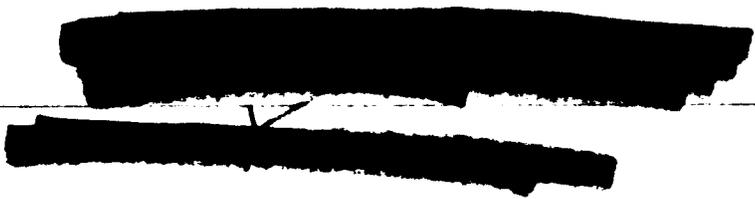
There would be no point in my stating I had heard Amelia Earhart if I hadn't because any individual was likely to have picked up these calls. Many persons probably did hear them but did not report them to G.P.P.

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,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 12/22/44  
SBR:eda

FROM : Mr. S. J. [redacted]

SUBJECT: AMELIA BARHARDT

- Mr. Tolson
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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
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- Mr. Rosen
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- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

[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.

[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 Barhardt 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 Barhardt 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."

[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 Barhardt, 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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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 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 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 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. He advised that some of the Japanese stated that they did not know anything about her, but they had heard her over the Japanese radio, others that they had seen her in the Philippines and still others that they had heard she was alive and in Tokyo. The informant said his conviction 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. Deleted Copy Sent 11-25-75

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cc: Director  
Office of Naval Intelligence  
War Department  
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CANBERRA, A.C.T., 19th March, 1947

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE NO. C. 66644

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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,

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J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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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, IJsei 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,

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

*[Redacted]*

RE MRS. AMELIA BARNHART 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,

*Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover*

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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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 newspaper 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 from 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

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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

*Jones*

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."

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

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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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):

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- NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS MADE BY THIS OFFICE (in black pencil). REASONS FOR AMENDMENTS (security, policy, or accuracy) ARE SPECIFIED BY PAGE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW.
- OBJECTION. AMENDMENTS TO PERMIT PUBLICATION ARE IMPRACTICABLE. REASONS ARE STATED BELOW.

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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 <sup>OFFICIAL NAVY FILE</sup> ~~classified~~ 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 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 <sup>OFFICIAL</sup> (EN) file reveals a considerable amount from 1943 through 1949, just for the record. WBU

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, *furnished to military authorities* ~~very reliably reported by FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover,~~ ~~from information given to his office~~ 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

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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 he could tell him nothing except 'Don't worry about her well being. She is perfectly all right.'"

*the Japanese intelligence officer was apparently surprised by his remarks but stated*

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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 <sup>NAVY</sup> ~~Office of Naval Intelligence~~ in the official report I was allowed to read. Considering <sup>THEIR</sup> ~~its~~ evidence, <sup>THEY</sup> ~~ONLY~~ could reach no other conclusions.

*NAVY*

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~~

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**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.

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. *na*

*E. G. Rifenburgh*  
E. G. RIFENBURGH

Letter has no caption-copy obtained on loan and attached. Should be returned to D.R. Paschel, JMT  
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TO : Mr. Bishop *FBS*

DATE: October 29, 1970

FROM : M. Jones *M*

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

*[Handwritten signature]*

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

5 NOV 17 1970 Mr. Sullivan

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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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Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

Thank you very much.

[Signature]

Yours truly,

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Yours truly,

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Staten Island, New York 10314

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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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