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226 Grant Street, WAR DEPARTMENT
Dennison, Ohio,
July 6, 1937.

Adjutant General,
U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I received message from some lone station at 2.31 A.M.
(EST) saying that:

"This is WHAQQ or probable WSAQQ talking, we are one
hundred fifty miles southeast by fifty miles east of Howald Isle.

Something about cold weather or they have a severe cold
and all is well so far. We have sent out message from time to
time but no response, look for red kite; food supply and water.

There would be a roar and then top of motors or something, similar
to ocean sounds.

The static or other sounds that interfere with radio
blotted out exact words, but it may be Earhart, sounds like a man
and at times like a woman faint voice, and another voice at times
talking if other person with them.

(Signed) C. L. RUSSELL.

P. S.

I have a Sparton several years of age, and get stations
of this nature at times early in morning from short wave but very
faint, and from only a few minutes at times. Sometimes do not
know the exact words, as well as telegraph sounds, some I can get
at times, from telegraph dots and dashes.

NOTE: The Navy Department has been notified of the receipt of
this communication.

War Department Press Section.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Subject: Amateur message concerning Amelia Earhart.

The Secretary of War directs that the attached communication from Mr. C. L. Russell, 226 Grant Street, Dennison, Ohio, be replied to substantially as follows:

The War Department desires to acknowledge your letter of July 6, 1937, and express its appreciation of your interest and thoughtfulness in informing the Department of the message which you received.

E. R. W. McCABE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

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Action by ltr to
Mr. C. L. Russell
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Lr. fr. C. L. Russell to T.A.G.,
dated 7/6/37.

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Mr. C. L. Russell,
226 Grant Street,
Dennison, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The War Department desires to acknowledge your letter of July 6, 1937, and express its appreciation of your interest and thoughtfulness in informing the Department of the message which you received.

Very truly yours,

Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department.

1. Attached hereto is a letter received by one of the civilians in the Information Division of this office, from a man in Australia, name illegible, which alleges that the Earhart airplane was shot down by the Japanese.

2. It is definitely known that such is not the case. Miss Earhart was heard on her radio by Army personnel stationed at Howland Island, and judging from the strength of the radio signals received, she passed quite close to the Island - some 50 miles or less. Shortly thereafter she stated she was turning North and that they continued to hear her at intervals, her signalling becoming fainter each time received until finally she stated she was out of gas. That was the last heard from her.

3. The above is transmitted merely as a matter of interest.

For the Chief of the Air Corps:

H. H. C. RICHARDS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Air Liaison Officer.

Att.-
Ltr. fr. Australia,
9/19/38

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Ass Liaison Officer

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