

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 11, 1937

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My dear Miss Earhart:

x18 The President has requested me to reply to your telegram of January 8, 1937 advising him that the plan arranged by Admiral Standley to refuel your plane west of Hawaii on the proposed round the world flight this spring has been abandoned and that you intend to land, instead, on Howland Island, if the construction of an emergency landing field on that Island is completed by that time. x6-V

An allocation of Federal funds has been made by the President to the Works Progress Administration to enable the Bureau of Air Commerce to carry out the construction of such a field. x3-P
x444-6

I understand that the necessary equipment and labor for this work will be transported to Howland Island by the Coast Guard Service on a boat scheduled to leave Honolulu on Tuesday, January 12, 1937. x21-M -

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary
to the President.

Miss Amelia Earhart
Union Air Terminal
Burbank, California

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APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

MARCH 10, 1926

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

Miss Amelia Earhart,
Union Air Terminal,
Burbank,
California.

MAILING LETTER TO YOU TONIGHT REFERENCE YOUR WIRE

M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

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FROM

The White House
Washington

January 11, 1937

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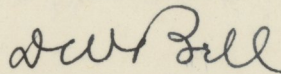
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

WASHINGTON

JAN 11 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McINTYRE:

In accordance with your memorandum of January 8, last, attached is a draft, prepared for your signature, of a reply to the telegram, dated January 8, to the President from Miss Amelia Earhart, relative to the construction of an emergency landing field at Howland Island.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Oscar Zell".

Acting Director.

January 8, 1937

Respectfully referred to the Acting
Director of the Bureau of the Budget for
preparation of reply.

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M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

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Copy of telegram from Amelia Earhart, Union Air Terminal,
Burbank, California, January 8, 1937 to the President,
original of which is retained in files.

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PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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HONORABLE FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT=

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC=

JUST BEFORE YOU LEFT FOR SOUTH AMERICA I WROTE YOU ABOUT MY PROPOSED ROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT THIS SPRING AND HOPED FOR NAVY COOPERATION IN REFUELLING WEST OF HAWAII WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY KINDLY ARRANGED BY ADMIRAL STANDLEY STOP SINCE THEN THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH DIFFICULT AND COSTLY MANEUVERS HAS BEEN OBTIATED AND INSTEAD I HOPE TO LAND ON TINY HOWLAND ISLAND WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY FIELD STOP COMMERCE APPROVES MY PLAN INTERIOR VERY COOPERATIVE COAST GUARD DITTO ALL DETAILS ARRANGED STOP CONSTRUCTION PARTY WITH EQUIPMENT DUE TO SAIL FROM HONOLULU NEXT WEEK STOP AM NOW INFORMED APPARENTLY SOME QUESTION REGARDING WPA APPROPRIATION IN AMOUNT THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH COVERS ALL COSTS OTHER THAN THOSE BORN BY ME FOR THIS MID PACIFIC PIONEER LANDING FIELD WHICH PERMANENTLY USEFUL AND VALUABLE AERONAUTICALLY AND NATIONALLY STOP REQUISITION NOW ON DESK OF A V KEENE BUREAU OF BUDGET TREASURY DEPARTMENT STOP UNDERSTAND ITS MOVING REQUIRES EXECUTIVE APPROVAL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES COULD YOU EXPEDITE AS IMMEDIATE ACTION VITAL STOP WILLIAM MILLER BUREAU OF AIR COMMERCE DELEGATED BY ROPER AND JOHNSON TO WORK WITH ME IS FAMILIAR=

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WITH ENTIRE SITUATION STOP PLEASE FORGIVE TROUBLESOME
FEMALE FLYER FOR WHOM THIS HOWLAND ISLAND PROJECT IS KEY
TO WORLD FLIGHT ATTEMPT=

AMELIA EARHART UNION AIR TERMINAL.

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TELEGRAM

Burbank, California,
January 8, 1937

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Just before you left for South America I wrote you about my proposed round the world flight this spring and hoped for Navy cooperation in refuelling west of Hawaii, which was subsequently kindly arranged by Admiral Standley. Since then the necessity for such difficult and costly maneuvers has been obviated and instead I hope to land on tiny Howland Island where the Government is about to establish an emergency field. Commerce approves my plan, Interior very cooperative, Coast Guard ditto, all details arranged. Construction party with equipment due to sail from Honolulu next week. Am now informed apparently some question regarding WPA appropriation in amount three thousand dollars which covers all costs other than those borne by me for this mid-Pacific pioneer landing field which permanently useful and valuable aeronautically and nationally. Requisition now on desk of A. V. Keene, Bureau of Budget, Treasury Department. Understand its moving requires Executive approval under circumstances could you expedite as immediate action vital. William Miller, Bureau of Air Commerce delegated by Roper and Johnson to work with me is familiar with entire situation. Please forgive troublesome female flyer for whom this Howland

Island project is key to world flight attempt.

AMELIA EARHART
Union Air Terminal