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August 10, 1937

My dear Mr. Gimbel:

The President asked me to be sure and drop you a little line of thanks in his behalf for your thoughtfulness in sending him a replica of the medal that was presented to Miss Amelia Earhart when she earned the Gimbel Award in 1932.

He is glad to have this interesting memento and wants you to know of his very real appreciation of your thoughtfulness.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Alvin Eben

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

RB/mm

Ellis A. Gimbel, Esq.,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

Dear
Thank him
very much -

ELLIS A. GIMBEL
PHILADELPHIA

July 28, 1937

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My dear Mr. President:

Will you accept, with my compliments, the enclosed replica of a Medal that was presented to AMELIA EARHART, shortly after her Solo Flight across the Atlantic, when she earned the Gimbel Award as the "Most Outstanding Woman of America in 1932".

The Medal was presented to Miss Earhart at a Banquet tendered in her honor by the members of our Firm.

Sincerely,

Ellis A Gimbel

The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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August 5, 1937.

Dear Marvin:

With reference to your memorandum of August 5, and the letter sent by Mr. Putnam attached therewith, I am sending you herewith the complete file of cables we have sent to our various missions in compliance with the requests received from Mr. Putnam, as well as a copy of a personal telegram I sent to Mr. Putnam on August 2.

You will see from this file that we are doing everything that we possibly can to be of help and I don't see that there is much you can say to him in reply to his letter, other than that you have seen the file of telegrams we have sent and are sure that we are doing everything we possibly can. With specific regard to his postscript, the Japanese authorities have assured us that all fishing vessels have been told to keep on the lookout on the reefs and waters adjacent to the Marshall Islands. There isn't any way that we can check up on what they are doing and we will have to take their word for it.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,

The Honorable
Marvin H. McIntyre,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

August 5, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR SUMNER WELLES

With reference to the postscript, is there anything that I could write or tell Mr. Putnam?

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

mhm/tmb

Enclosure

Let. to MHM from Geroge Palmer Putnam, 2 West 45th Street, New York, N. Y. 7/31/37 thanking MHM for his trouble re finding Amelia Earhart.
Postscript "Is there any way of ascertaining what the Japanese actually are doing -- especially as regards a real search of the eastern fringe of the Marshall Islands? That is one of the most fruitful possible locations for wreckage."

COPY

TELEGRAM SENT

August 5, 1937

AMEMBASSY

LONDON (ENGLAND)

Department's 328, July 30, 7 p.m. and 333, August 2, 8 p.m.

I hope that you will soon be able to reply. The situation remains agonizing for Mr. Putnam and for many friends of Amelia Earhart, and the request that certain additional search measures be undertaken at Mr. Putnam's expense does not seem excessive or to warrant such delay in answering.

HULL

TELEGRAM SENT

RB

GRAY

August 2, 1937

8 p. m.

AMEMBASSY

LONDON (ENGLAND)

333.

Department's 328, July 30, 7 p. m.

With reference to the request that a boat from the Gilbert Islands make a thorough surface search for Amelia Earhart at Mr. Putnam's expense, the latter now urges that an immediate search be begun of the following position: 174 degrees ten minutes east longitude two degrees 36 minutes north latitude. This is only 85 miles from Tarawa on Making Island bearing thence 106 degrees true. Mr. Putnma believes he has apparently authentic information from former commander copra vessel substantiated by reliable American that uncharted reef exists at that point which is frequently visited for turtles eggs, et cetera, by older Gilbertese natives. He believes that Captain I. Handley of Tawara knows about it. Please expedite reply.

HULL
SW

EU:PM:VAS

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TELEGRAM SENT

August 2, 1937

George Palmer Putnam,

Hotel Barclay,

New York, New York.

Have sent telegram to our Embassy at London asking that the British supplement the general search of the Gilbert Islands which you requested be undertaken at your expense by an immediate search of the position you specified. You may count on our letting you know as soon as we have a reply from London and sincerely trust that it may give the results hoped for.

Under Secretary

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

July 31, 1937.

Dear Marvin:

I am venturing this note just to tell you how deeply I appreciate the friendly personal cooperation which you have extended all along in our present troubles. About all I can do at the moment is to say "thank you".

Sincerely,

G.P.P.

Marvin MacIntyre, Esq.,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

P.S.- Is there any way of ascertaining what the Japanese actually are doing -- especially as regards a real search of the eastern fringe of the Marshall Islands? That is one of the most fruitful possible locations for wreckage.

TELEGRAM SENT

LMS

GRAY

July 30, 1937

7 p. m.

AMEMBASSY

LONDON (ENGLAND).

328.

Evidence which to many sources seems positive indicates that Amelia Earhart (Mrs. Putnam) was on land the two nights following her disappearance. In the circumstances we should appreciate your getting in touch with the Colonial Office or other appropriate authority and telling them: (1) that if the authorities could send a boat from the Gilbert Islands to continue a thorough surface search in those Islands Mr. Putnam would be glad to defray the expenses involved, and (2) that word might be circulated that there is a reward of $2,000 offered for any evidence leading to a solution of her disappearance whether in the nature of wreckage or more positive indication of what happened.

HULL
(SW)

EU:PM:A SD

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GRAY

London

Dated July 16, 1937

Rec'd 7:10 a. m.

Secretary of State

Washington

RUSH

476, July 16, noon.

Department's 303 July 15, 5 p. m.

Foreign Office advises action approved.

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CSB

Search for Miss Earhart at Gilbert Island.

Earhart, Amelia

TELEGRAM SENT

LMS

GRAY

July 15, 1937

5 p. m.

AMEMBASSY

LONDON (ENGLAND).

RUSH.

303.

Department's 289, July 12, 2 p. m., and your 463, July 13, 1 p. m.

Developments of the search have led to the dispatch of the Coast Guard cutter Itasca and the Navy minesweeper Swan to the Gilbert Islands to make a careful search of the uninhabited islands and to establish contact with residents of inhabited islands. Inquire whether this action has the approval of the British Government.

HULL
(NPD)

FA:FM PC EU

Earhart, Amelia

JR

GRAY

London

Dated July 13, 1937

Rec'd 9 a.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

RUSH.

463. July 13, 1 p.m.

Department's 289, July 12, 2 p.m.

Foreign Office advises authorization granted.

BINGHAM

KLP:DDM

Searching of Gilbert Islands for Amelia Earhart
by aircraft from USS LEXINGTON.

TELEGRAM SENT

LMS

GRAY

July 12, 1937

2 p. m.

AMEMBASSY

LONDON (ENGLAND).

RUSH.

289.

Navy Department requests authorization for aircraft squadrons from USS LEXINGTON to search Gilbert Islands for Amelia Earhart if necessary. Expedite reply.

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(RS)

PC:SBS:JMD EU

M. H. M. TOTAKE UP THE FIRST THING
THIS MORNING.

The White House
Washington

August 25, 1937. P. P. F.

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...INTYRE
Secretary to the President

telegram of August 2.

(Signed) Summer Welles

Eu:PM:ASD

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FROM The White House
Washington

August 25, 1937 P. P. F.

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George Palmer Putnam, Esq., #
Union Air Terminal,
Burbank, California.

Understand State Department has communicated with you direct.

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

telegram of August 2.

(Signed) Summer Welles

Eu:PM:ASD

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FROM The White House
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AUGUST 24 1937

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GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM
UNION AIR TERMINAL
BURBANK
CALIFORNIA

PLEASE HOLD CALL UNTIL TOMORROW WILL ADVISE

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

telegram of August 2.

(Signed) Summer Welles

Eu:PM:ASD

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The White House

Washington

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Burbank, California, August 24, 1937

Marvin H. McIntyre.

Unless wired contrary will phone you tonight ten o'clock EST after three weeks state department apparently unable secure reply or cooperation British on small specific search financed by me. Please help getting action at least information. Also anxious head off threatened story by newspaper which knows situation same likely hurtful all concerned and internationally embarrassing.

George Palmer Putnam, Union Air Terminal.

telegram of August 2.

(Signed) Summer Welles

Eu:PM:ASD

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

August 25, 1937.

The White House.
Mr. Kannee.

I find that the telegram from Sumner Welles to Mr. Putnam indicating that a British cutter had started on August 10 to search the position specifically requested by Mr. Putnam was despatched yesterday afternoon at 3:48 p.m., - that is, later than his telegram to Mr. McIntyre.

Yours very truly,

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August 24, 1937.

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(Signed) Sumner Welles

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sent at 3:48 PM

August 24, 1937.

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM, ESQUIRE,

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA.

Following telegram just received from Embassy London: QUOTE Foreign Office advises High Commissioner at Suva has telegraphed that United States vessels visited all Gilbert Islands and that Captain Handley left by cutter on August 10 for position mentioned in Department's telegram of August 2.

(Signed) Summer Welles

Eu:PM:ASD

P. P. F.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1938

My dear Mr. Chamberlain:

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.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

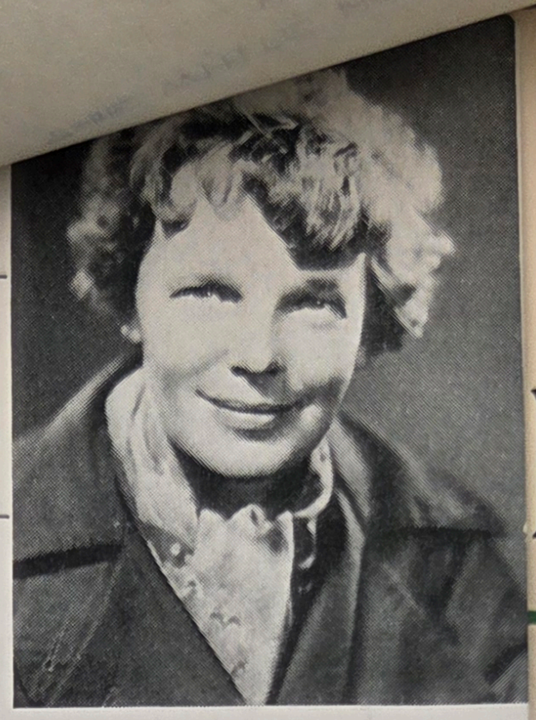
Mr. Ernest B. Chamberlain,
The Amelia Earhart Foundation,
Suite 105 - 744 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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TO

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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."

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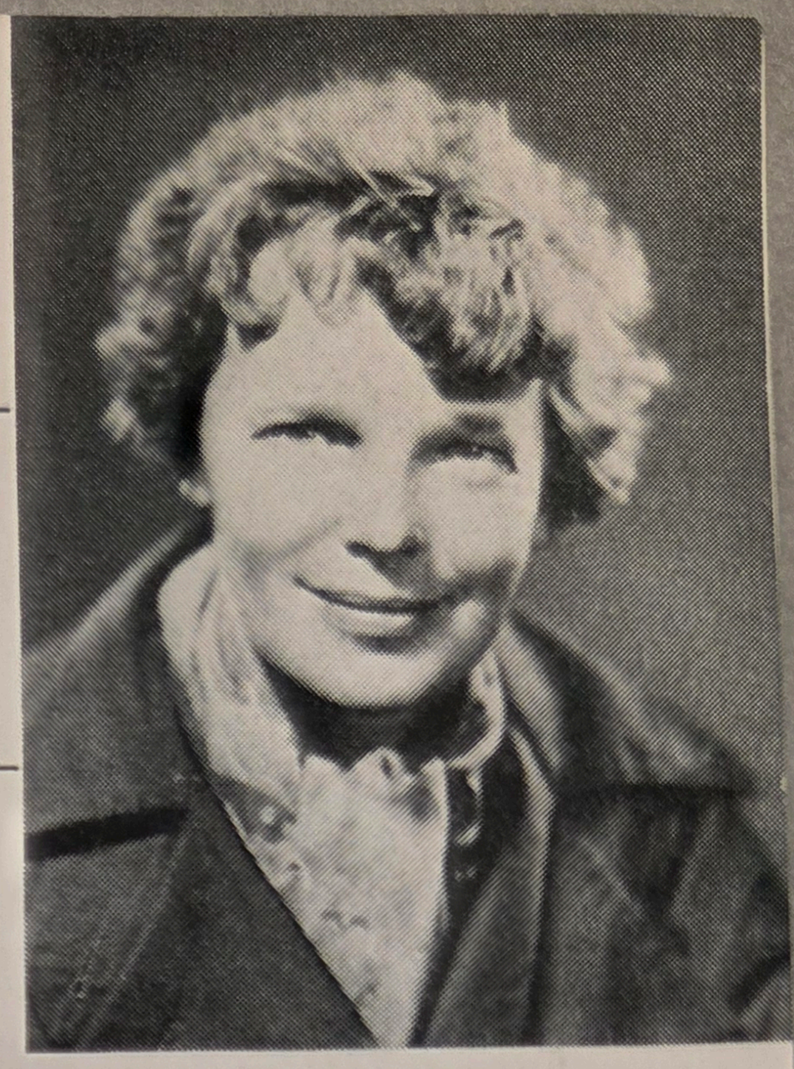
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The scientist. "Always laboratory-minded," she studied science enthusiastically at Columbia and Harvard.

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.

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.

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AMELIA EARHART

LEST WE FORGET

THE

AMELIA EARHART

FOUNDATION



"I say an unnumbered new race of hardy and well defined women are to spread through these States,
I say a girl fit for these States must be free, capable, dauntless, just the same as a boy."

How astonishing that eighty years ago Walt Whitman should have written this. He might have been predicting Amelia Earhart!

Dauntless she was, unforgettable.

The memory of the life, work, and character of this outstanding and distinctive American must be preserved. But no memorial of Amelia Earhart will be adequate that fails to recognize all sides of her distinguished life. To do her full honor, we must see the whole portrait and not a profile only.

"Look here upon this picture . .
THE WINGED WOMAN

Amelia Earhart's flying career was phenomenal. At one time she held the altitude, speed and distance records for women; but she will be remembered in the history of flight as the first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean alone, and also the first woman to cross it as a passenger; the first to cross this continent in non-stop flights in each direction; and the first person to fly from Hawaii to the Pacific Coast. In her last flight, she

traversed many hitherto untraveled airways, and had flown more than three-quarters of the distance around the world when she passed from our sight.

We all remember the familiar pictures of her that appeared under startling headlines, recording some new and audacious flight—the tall, slim figure, usually in overalls or in flying clothes, her tawny, towsled head, her smile wide and boyish. This was Amelia Earhart, pioneer and adventurer of the air, the woman who with supreme bravery faced the unknown, gazed unflinchingly into the bright eyes of danger and to whom, almost, the good earth had become a place of splendid taking-off and reluctant landing. She received the homage of the world and remained a modest, dignified, charming and wholly feminine woman to the end—unforgettably numbered among those pioneers in science, medicine, industry and exploration who have erected signposts on the highway of our destiny. But this is only one side of the true portrait.

. . And on this"
FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

There was another side of Amelia Earhart, less spectacular but equally significant and courageous in its strength of purpose. She possessed a brightly burning idealism based on a deep belief in women, a warm, practical heart and quick sympathy for the sick, for the welfare of children and for those cast down. Her



DURING THE YEARS AT DENISON HOUSE

generosity of heart and mind was well known to her friends. Though seldom did this side of her make headlines, her fight against oppression and injustice was made with the same valiant eagerness of spirit and unselfish energy that marked every act of her life. Few are aware of the arduous years she spent during the war as a hospital nurse with the Canadian Red Cross. Thereafter she worked in settlement houses in Boston and New York, conducted English extension courses for Boston University in industrial towns in Massachusetts and served on committees for child study. The chairman of the board of directors, during the time she was at Denison House in Boston teaching older children and taking classes of foreign-born adults studying to be citizens, says, "Everyone adored her. There was a party at Denison House on the night the news came that she had flown out over the Atlantic and one of the neighborhood boys asked us to stop the dancing for a minute of silent prayer for her safe arrival."

It was typical of her that just before she left on her fateful flight, amid all her work and anxiety, she sent a check toward expenses of the boys' and girls' Summer camp. Amelia Earhart, writing of her experiences in settlement work, said, "The biggest job of the social worker is to give boys and girls the experience that will keep them young and that will inspire a zest for life." That phrase reflects a shining quality of her own personality.

Womanhood and its pioneering spirit were very close to her heart. She believed earnestly in the progress of women toward economic and political independence and equality, and worked enthusiastically for the abolition of laws discriminating against them. She also took a practical interest in developing careers for girls.

"For the Sake of my Father"

A fitting living memorial to Amelia Earhart must carry on down the years all these purposes and ideals for which she lived. Such a memorial, practical and enduring, has been established, called The Amelia Earhart Foundation. The Foundation was created by Thiel College of Greenville, Pennsylvania, and was formally inaugurated at a meeting held at the invitation of Mrs. Roosevelt at The White House. Thiel College was the first co-educational college in the United States created by the Lutheran Church. Amelia Earhart's grandfather was one of the founders of the Synod which created the College; her father graduated there in 1886; an aunt was also a student; and Amelia herself received from Thiel College in 1932 the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. Though offered many degrees, she accepted but one other.

Before her last flight, Amelia Earhart flew to Cleveland to meet the President of the College. Always interested in education, particularly for women, she was attracted to Thiel College not only by family ties, but because it was co-educa-



tional. She discussed with the President ways in which she could aid the College—"I want to help the College for the sake of my father," she said, and made plans to do so, plans with which fate intervened. So, when silence deepened over the Pacific, the Board of Trustees decided to create this Foundation in her memory, recognizing an obligation to try to carry out one of her last wishes. Its principal objectives are the endowment of post-graduate scholarships in science and sociology for women of any accredited college at the school of their choice, and the building of a hall of residence for women on the campus of Thiel College which Amelia Earhart knew was urgently needed.

TO PRESERVE HER MEMORY

Since nothing we can do can add years to her life, let us be sure that our memorial adds her life to the years. The aims of The Amelia Earhart Foundation are so planned that the memorial will be free and flexible to meet the changes of time and yet remain tangible—a shrine of memory and a fixed place of actual service. A living memorial, but it can come to life only as we put life into it.

OBJECTIVES OF THE FOUNDATION

It is clear why the Trustees of Thiel College selected science and sociology for the annual scholarships to preserve her memory: science as represented by her studies in science at Columbia and Harvard (she wanted to be a physician at one time) and in her flying

career; and sociology, not only that the memory of her activities in social welfare should be memorialized, but because the complex needs of our whole social structure can be effectively served only through fully trained and socially dedicated women.

The memorial scholarships will be made available to women graduates of all accredited colleges in the United States, the science scholarships to be tenable at any place the recipients may choose, while the sociology scholarships are planned to be tenable at leading settlement houses of the country. This is the first time that such scholarships in sociology have been made available by any college to be used in practical work at settlement houses.

The other objective is the Amelia Earhart Hall for Women to be erected on the campus of Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, and designed to enshrine in an appropriate setting mementos of her life and work. But it is to be very much more than merely a museum of reminders of what she was and what she did. It is to be a residence hall and social center planned to accommodate about one hundred and twenty-five women and to give them through succeeding years the opportunity to live and to study on the basis of fullest equality with the men of the institution. The alumni and former students and friends of the College in the area served by the Pittsburgh Synod are holding themselves primarily responsible for this objective.

The appeal of The Amelia Earhart Foundation has already received notable attention. At the meeting at The White House, Mrs. Roosevelt said, "Ever since Amelia Earhart was lost I have had a feeling that everybody who knew her would want to do something in her memory, but I had no concise idea of what it ought to be. I did not really feel that I knew where she had roots, so that a memorial could be started. I felt that all of us who knew her would think of her primarily as a personality and a spirit and that we would want that personality and spirit and courage to be carried on in some way, so that people, young people especially, would not forget.

"I finally heard of the interest which she had had in Thiel College and it seemed to me a very fine idea that something could be done in conjunction with that College. Amelia Earhart was very much interested in education and she had a peculiar gift with young people in that she had the power to fire their imagination and make them dream dreams and see visions. I remember seeing a number of young people with whom she had worked and I think every one of them had been touched with Amelia's spirit and personality. So the idea that she had an interest here in a college and that out of that could grow a living memorial was welcome. It will be something that will help young women to do things, it will be something that she was interested in, and I felt I would like to try to help this



idea in her memory. I hope that the whole plan will appeal to you as it has to me and that 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."

HER "MAGNIFICENT PERSONALITY"

Few women in recent years were closer to Amelia Earhart than Louise Thaden of Pittsburgh, one of the most distinguished women flyers of today. Speaking of her friend, Mrs. Thaden said, "Ten years' close association with Amelia Earhart has left me with a lasting impression of her high courage, her sincere, never-ending interest in the world's problems — particularly as they concerned women.

"With her never-flagging determination to reach a set goal—as she steadily mounted each step toward the shining beacon ahead—she took time to pause on each of those steps to reach a helping hand down to others less fortunate. Doubtless, all these things together developed the magnificent personality which is Amelia Earhart—plus a kindness, an understanding, a generosity, a gentleness which few have understood —they having been covered by an innate reserve. There are so many worthwhile accomplishments hidden behind the glamorous veil of record flights, oceanic conquests and other aviation enterprises, unknown and unsung except by those closest to her.

"Knowing Amelia as I do, I know without question that the success of these plans would make her both happy and proud—for it was toward such things as these that she strove constantly. It is definitely the culmination of part of her ambition, a hope which was her own—one which will keep alive the courage, the honesty, the unselfishness of one of the finest women I have ever known — so that her undaunted spirit will live always."

THE GOAL OF THE FOUNDATION The administration of The Amelia Earhart Foundation will be entrusted to a separate Board of Trustees, now being selected. That Board will have the counsel of an advisory committee of experts in scientific and sociological scholarship. A sum of $500,000 is required to fulfill the objectives of The Foundation—$300,000 for the Amelia Earhart Scholarships and $200,000 for the Amelia Earhart Hall for Women. The value and number of the annual scholarships must depend on the total amount raised, but The Foundation hopes to be able to endow at the start ten annual scholarships of a value of $1,000 each. There is every reason to hope that The Foundation will expand its activities in the future as more people realize the value of its service.

GRACE AND GLORY

Amelia Earhart was not quite thirty-nine years old when she passed from sight. "I suppose," she said, "I shall go out before I am old . . . I shall mind dreadfully, of course, not having the things that come to old age and the quieter pleasures of growing older. But one must take risks." She did, and she left us in the way she would have chosen—she said so. But she will not grow old as we that are left grow old, for she will live, *with your help,* in the lives of future generations of women. You are asked to help perpetuate the fine things of life for which she worked, and to pay honor to the quality of courage which inspired her to add grace and glory to our national history.

She wrote:

"Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace.
The soul that knows it not, knows no release
From little things."

AMELIA EARHART — the winged woman — a rare blending of the eagle and the dove!

THE AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION

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"Courage is the price life exacts for granting peace. The soul that knows it not, knows no relief from little things."

Her own words reveal the gallant spirit that is Amelia Earhart. Unspoilt and unspent, her adventurous soul has entered upon a more spacious and lovely flight -- dauntless, unforgettable. Enshrine forever the memory of her inspiring character in a way which would have gladdened her heart and mind!

Amelia Earhart received the homage of the world. During her lifetime she was placed by wise judges among the twelve greatest American women of the last hundred years. She is numbered amongst those pioneers in science, medicine, industry, and exploration who have erected signposts on the highway of our destiny, who must never be forgotten. A place in the nation's Hall of Fame serves a purpose --

but a <u>living</u> memorial is more personal, more practical, more enduring.

A Living Memorial

A living memorial to Amelia Earhart must perpetuate her whole life work and not just those audacious years of adventure in flight. There was another side of Amelia Earhart, equally significant and courageous in its strength of purpose. Too few know of her brightly burning idealism based on a deep belief in women, or of her warm, practical heart and quick sympathy for the sick, for the welfare of children and for those cast down. Seldom did the true womanhood of her make headlines, yet she fought against oppression and injustice with the same valiant eagerness of spirit and unselfish energy which marked every act of her life. She could not believe that "women are born to timidity." Therefore the creation of a living memorial to her honor must carry on down the years all these purposes and ideals for which she lived and died.

Such a memorial is being established by Thiel College

of Greenville, Pennsylvania.

Why has this small college had the courage and vision to undertake the great task of creating a national memorial to Amelia Earhart? Because the Earhart family has been connected with the College since its inception, seventy years ago, and because Amelia Earhart herself planned to help achieve one of the four objectives of the Foundation, one which is now to become a part of her own living memorial.

Amelia Earhart and Thiel College

Plans were laid some time ago to erect on the campus of Thiel College a new hall of residence for women to accommodate at least one hundred women students. Since then the need has grown even more urgent. It is unfortunate in a college community that women students should be forced, as many are at Thiel, to find accommodations scattered about in private homes away from the campus. Nor is it good for the community life of the College that there should be no social center where the women

students may gather when work is done to entertain friends. Amelia Earhart knew of this condition, and before her last journey flew to Cleveland to meet Dr. Earl S. Rudisill, president of the College, and at that time said to him, "I want to help the College because of my father," and made plans to do so.

With her lifelong interest in equality of opportunity for women, she was specially attracted to the College because it was the first collegiate institution of the Lutheran Church in America to establish coeducation. Miss Earhart's grandfather, the Reverend David Earhart, helped found the Pittsburgh Synod which created the College, and throughout his life in Pennsylvania showed a deep interest in its welfare. Her father, Edwin S. Earhart, graduated from Thiel in 1886, and her aunt, Katherine Earhart, was also a student. It is significant as showing Miss Earhart's affection for Thiel that in 1932, when all the world was heaping honors upon her, she received from Thiel College her first honorary degree. She would accept only two such honors of the many that were offered.

Features of the Foundation

The Board of Trustees of Thiel College feels that it has a sacred duty to carry out what was one of her last wishes. To do so it has created a foundation to preserve her memory as a living, enduring inspiration to the women of the nation. Included in the program of the Foundation is the hall of residence for women in which has been planned, as a special feature of the building, a memorial room, to serve as a social center for the students, where will be preserved mementos of her life and work.

The Foundation will establish in Miss Earhart's memory a number of postgraduate scholarships in sociology and science to be awarded to women graduates of accredited colleges and tenable at any institution in the United States chosen by the recipients.

Other features of the Foundation include the endowment of a chair of science at Thiel College and an annual Amelia Earhart Memorial Lecture to be given, preferably by a woman, in one of the principal cities of the

country under the auspices of a national scientific society.

Why Sociology and Science?

In mapping the plans of the Foundation, the Board of Trustees of Thiel College decided upon the division of the scholarships between sociology and science because Miss Earhart made science her particular study at school and college, and because social welfare work was an abiding interest throughout her life. She studied science at Columbia University and also at Harvard, and of course in her flying work she became an expert in aircraft engineering. "I was always laboratory-minded," she said.

While still a student at a girls' school in Rydal, Pennsylvania, (after graduating from high school in Chicago) she visited Toronto at the time of the World War. Deeply distressed by the sight of wounded soldiers, characteristically she abandoned her studies and joined a hospital staff as a nurse for the duration of the war. Later for two or three years she was in charge of girls'

work at Denison House in Boston, the second oldest settlement house in Massachusetts. There she endeared herself not only to the children of whom she had charge, but also to her fellow workers, who praised highly her simplicity and honesty.

Following her work at the community house, where she also served on the inter-settlement committee of child study, Miss Earhart conducted many English extension courses for Boston University in industrial towns in Massachusetts. Later she lived and worked at Greenwich House in the City of New York. Especially interested in women's progress, Miss Earhart became a life member of the National Woman's Party, working for abolition of laws discriminating against her sex. She was a director of the Institute of Women's Professional Relations, and a member, for nine years, of the advisory committee of the Women's Exposition of Arts and Industries. Through her efforts women were permitted to pilot aircraft under the same regulations as men, and many times the United States Senate sought her advice.

What Thiel Has Done

Why is Thiel College worthy to enshrine the memory of such a woman as Amelia Earhart? Since its founding in 1866, Thiel College has made unusual sacrifices to accommodate all applicants qualified to enter. Throughout its existence it has been affording young men and women a first-class education which otherwise might have been denied them. It is fully accredited, and its graduates are accepted by all the leading universities of the country. Its graduates are teachers, doctors, clergymen, and attorneys, business men and technicians who go into the industries of the State. Although a Lutheran college, more than half of its student body of nearly three hundred belong to other denominations. Thiel College is giving financial aid today to fifty-five per cent of its students that they may be qualified to serve the State of Pennsylvania, where most of them work and live.

That Her Spirit May Live

To fulfill all the objectives of The Amelia Earhart Foundation $500,000 is required.

You are invited to help create this living memorial, not only because it is a means of expressing your admiration of the spirited life of an intrepid yet wholly feminine American woman and of perpetuating her ideals, not only as an acknowledgment that Thiel College as a sound and sane Pennsylvania institution and her father's college is the logical place from which her memorial work should be carried on, but also because in your heart and mind you must respect the quality of courage that inspires individuals as well as institutions to add honor and glory to the story of America.

That is what Amelia Earhart has done.

That is what Thiel College continues to do.

That is what you are asked to do - to pay "honor to whom honor is due."

PARTIAL LIST OF UNITS IN THE

AMELIA EARHART HALL FOR WOMEN

Offering Donors an Opportunity to have Such Units

Named in Their Honor or in Behalf of a

Church or Family Group, or as Memorials to Loved Ones

Dining Rooms - - -	$ 20,000
Kitchen and Pantry - - -	10,000
2 Cold Storage Rooms @ $1000 each -	2,000
Recreation Room - - -	7,500
Laundry - - -	1,500
Kitchenette - - -	1,500
Reception Hall - - -	5,000
Amelia Earhart Memorial Room - -	10,000
Matron's Suite - - -	3,000
Guest Rooms with Bath(2) at $1250 each -	2,500
Students' Bedrooms (61) each -	1,000

Total Number of Units Listed - 71

(These estimates are based by the Architects on the cost of cubic capacity of these units.)

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Note: - Inside back cover - Architect's drawing of the proposed Amelia Earhart Hall for Women at Thiel College.



Private P.P.F. 960

April 3, 1942.

Dear George:

You are right, and you are wrong! In a great many matters I do not think that we are giving enough of details to the public as we well could do. On the other hand, there are reasons for withholding information which is difficult to explain to the public as a whole.

For example -- the Navy raids X Island. The Japs are badly smashed up there and an announcement comes from Tokyo. Meanwhile, our ships, by the time a news dispatch can be sent, are on a given course, possibly a hundred miles away. If they use their radio, their position and course becomes known to German submarines and German bombing planes that are within range. We thereby jeopardize American ships and American lives unnecessarily. The Task Force may then go back to their base or may go to another point of attack. Doing either, their position can be given away by any radio message. Finally, if the Task Force gets back to its own base it is important that the Japs do not know where it is until it has had time to refit and refuel and get out to sea again for another operation. The simple fact is that the Japanese so far (knock wood) have, as a matter of fact, misguessed the location of American ships on several occasions. That is more important than giving stories to the public, as the winning of the war by war operations comes first.

In regard to the production program, you will be interested in knowing that while there is a general understanding that the program as a whole is going well, it can be proved that silence in regard to monthly production of any given article keeps the Germans and the Japs from the knowledge of details which are of extreme importance. For example, I got hold of a secret message to Germany purporting to give details of airplane production for February and while the totals of this report were approximately correct, the breakdown into types of planes was ludicrously wrong.

It is a false assumption to say that our enemies know all these things and that therefore they should be given to the public. Nobody is lying to the American public. The public has been told that our plane and tank production is going well. I could tell you of dozens of different examples

and the only real request I can make is that we should preach to the American people on the text of "Ye of little faith".

As ever yours,

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