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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. RAYMOND F. DUBOIS, JR., OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY--INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Records Concerning Amelia Earhardt

-- Reference your memorandum of 14 May 1976 concerning search for Army Intelligence records pertaining to Amelia Earhardt and Captain Frederick Noonan.

-- The records of the 441st Counterintelligence Corps (CIC) Detachment are on microfilm at the U.S. Army Investigative Records Repository, Fort Meade, Maryland. A search of these records revealed a seventeen page file concerning Amelia Earhardt. *the attached*

** Copies of the microfilm file are attached.

** There is no objection to their being released.

-- A search for reports on this subject ^{was} ~~has been~~ conducted at all repositories known to file reports of this nature, and no reports, not regularly available to the general public, can be located.



MAJ E. Whitehurst/54500
Typed by B. Foster

*suspense
27 May*

14 May 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL H. R. AARON
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence

The Secretary has recently received an inquiry concerning the files which the Department of the Army purportedly maintains pertaining to Amelia Earhardt, aka Amelia Earhardt Putnam. The inquiry stated in part:

"Highly responsible sources have confirmed the existence of U.S. intelligence files which document the fate of Amelia Earhardt and her navigator, Captain Frederick Noonan.

"Among these files are records of U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, FBI and CIA.

"Particular emphasis is placed upon the files of the 441st CIC, U.S. Army, Tokyo, Japan circa 1946 to 1951. This material has been reported as recently housed variously at Fort Holobird, Fort Dietrich, Carlisle Barracks, Fort Wachuka (sic), Camp Zama and other installations."



The Secretary would appreciate your assistance in:

- a. Determining the existence and location of such files.
- b. Should the files exist, is there objection to their declassification?

Please advise me directly as to your investigation.

/s/
Raymond F. DuBois, Jr.
The Special Assistant

PERSONAL/EYES ONLY

Office Memorandum • SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

DATE: April 30, 1976

TO : The Honorable Martin R. Hoffman
Secretary of the Army

FROM : Roderick M. Hills, Chairman *RMH*
Securities and Exchange Commission

SUBJECT: Amelia Earhardt a/k/a
Amelia Earhardt Putnam

Mr. Frederick A. Goerner, of San Francisco, California, has met with me concerning his desire to have the Department of the Army declassify its files on Amelia Earhardt. [Highly responsible sources have confirmed the existence of U.S. intelligence files which document the fate of Amelia Earhardt and her navigator, Captain Frederick Noonan.

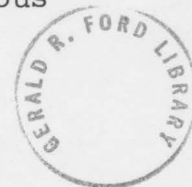
Among these files are records of U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, FBI and CIA. *miss*

Particular emphasis is placed upon the files of the 441st CIC, U.S. Army, Tokyo, Japan circa 1946 to 1951. This material has been reported as recently housed variously at Fort Holobird, Fort Dietrich, Carlisle Barracks, Fort Wachuka, Camp Zama and other installations.] *(sic)*

It is requested that this material from all intelligence sources be made available for initial perusal and possible ultimate public disclosure.

Such disclosure should obviously be based upon protection of the U.S. Government and U.S. Military and the public good.

I have known Fred Goerner for some years and can state without qualification that he is a serious journalist and historian.



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I hope you will do everything in your power to bring together the files Mr. Goerner is interested in seeing declassified so he can examine them under appropriate Defense Department supervision. Mr. Goerner already possesses a DOD clearance that is granted to historians.

In addition to Mr. Goerner's own best selling book, which was published in 1966, it is my understanding that there is a movie and an NBC news special currently being planned for this Fall. Because of the increased public interest in Amelia Earhardt, I suggest that it is now time to set the record straight. Your cooperation in this matter is essential and I would greatly appreciate anything you could do to make these records available to Mr. Goerner.



PERSONAL/EYES ONLY



RECORD OF ACTIONS

Tasking received by DAMI-DOA on 19 May 1976 required the location of intelligence files on Amelia Earhardt not available to the general public:

1. USAIRR maintains the records of the 441st CIC on microfilm. Request was made to search for reports in these records on Earhardt. IRR suggested that if the project name under which the information was collected could be learned, much time could be saved.

2. Colonel Buto, USA RET., was contacted at his civilian job (office: 383-2664) and stated that he was unaware that any reports on Earhardt were taken while he was with the 441st. He suggested a Mr. Jim Macri (who works for DIS at Fort Holabird) might have knowledge of such reports.

3. Mr. Macri (office: 283-9372) said that he remembered reports about Earhardt that were taken under an operation which involved the debriefing of Japanese returning to the main islands after WWII. He could not state the name of the operation on the phone because he thought it might still be classified.

4. DAMI-DOH provided the name of the operation as "STITCH" which is no longer considered classified. The name of the operation was passed to Mr. Leemaster, Chief of the Microfilm Division, IRR, who was then able to direct the search in that part of the records. The search resulted in the location of 17 pages (12 in Japanese) concerning Earhardt.

5. The following were contacted with the results as indicated:

NATIONAL ARCHIVES - Mr. John Taylor (office: 523-3340) indicated that many reports were on file from all services on subject of Amelia Earhardt, all available to the public. Classified holding from 441st CIC was checked, but contained no reports on subject.

b. ARMY HISTORICAL RECORDS COLLECTION at Carlisle Barracks - Mr. Winne (office: 242-3434) - classified holding of 441st CIC checked and no records of subject.

c. FBI - Mr. Tom Brooks (office: 324-4684) - have file on subject but did not conduct an investigation of the Earhardt incident. File contains only basic data, no Army reports.

d. CIA - [REDACTED] records stored by project not by subject. Unable to locate any project relating to Earhardt.

e. NAVY HISTORIC CENTER - Dr. Allard (office: 433-3170) - no Navy or Marine records available that are not also open to public.

f. NAVY INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE - Mrs. Parman (office: 325-9087) - Earhardt record forwarded to Navy Historic Center several years ago.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310



28 MAY 1976

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°° Copy of the microfilm file is attached.

°° There is no objection to its release.

-- A search for reports on this subject was conducted at all other repositories known to file reports of this nature, and no reports, not regularly available to the general public, can be located.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE

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MERRILL T. KELLY
Acting Director
of Intelligence Operations

MAJ E. Whitehurst/54500
Typed by B. Foster

20 August 1976

Mr. Roderick M. Hills
Chairman
Securities & Exchange Commission
500 North Capitol Street
Washington, D.C. 20001



Dear Rod:

With regard to your personal memorandum to Marty of 30 April 1976 concerning Mr. Frederick A. Goerner's request for information on Amelia Earhardt, I have attached xeroxed copies of the materials which we have found.

The records of the 441st CIC Detachment are on microfilm at the U.S. Army Investigative Records Respository, Fort Meade, Maryland. A search of these records revealed the attached seventeen-page file concerning Amelia Earhardt.

I have also attached a "record of actions" which outline the research the Army did pursuant to your request. A search for reports on this subject was conducted at all repositories known to file reports of this nature, and no reports, not regularly available to the general public, can be located.

I regret the delay in responding to your memorandum; however, I hope that it will be of some use to Mr. Goerner.

Sincerely,

signed
Raymond F. DuBois, Jr.

Raymond F. DuBois, Jr.
The Special Assistant to the
Secretary of the Army

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

File: Earhart

RODERICK M. HILLS
CHAIRMAN

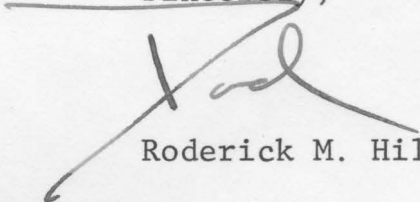
August 30, 1976

Dear Ray:

I very much appreciate your letter and enclosures of August 20, 1976. I will let you know if the matter has any continuing interest to anyone.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,


Roderick M. Hills

Mr. Raymond F. DuBois, Jr.
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