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GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM

2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

June 17, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Hampton:

Thank you for your letter of June 16th. I will be grateful if you will radio to Mr. Black the following:

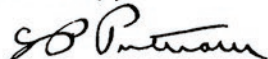
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From Mr. Black's message to me, as per your letter, you will note that the Itasca at Howland and the Ontario midway between Howland and Lae "will forward data to Governor American Samoa".

This data will be of vital importance to Miss Earhart prior to her take-off at Lae. Can your department assist me in arranging the machinery so that Samoa will in turn transmit this information to Lae?

I assume that you have ready communication with Samoa. I will be grateful if you will ascertain what can be done as to this. If there are charges we will, of course, meet them. As you will readily understand a matter of vital importance is for Miss Earhart to get the best possible weather data concerning the Howland region and that along the route to Howland from Lae prior to her takeoff.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Ruth Hampton,

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