

July 22, 1968

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Dear Mr. Goerner:

Thank you for your courteous reply to my questions. Referring to the one about George P. Putnam, I could not appreciate his attitude concerning the disappearance of the Fliers.

This may be difficult for you to believe but KHAQQ was not the letters used in the SOS message. Do hope someone has the means of finding out why the deception and who permitted these methods to be used.

It is nice to know the amateur radio operators also received Amelia Earhart's messages.

Over the years I have had many contacts and guesses about Amelia Earhart and Captain Noonan, but none were as I heard Amelia Earhart's voice telling of their plight.

The first SOS message was heard on July 3, 1937, in which Miss Earhart stated, "We lost our course yesterday and came up here. Directly Northeast of a part of Marshall Islands near Mili Atoll." She said, "There isn't any habitation or life but some vegetation." She mentioned at first they thought they could see a hut on a part of Marshall Islands in daylight, but later decided a few small trees was all they could see. They had everything and were alright at that time. Their food supply was good. It was storming and getting very dark, and it was quite warm.

Amelia Earhart did not mention illness or injury to herself, but stated, "The Captain is with me. He isn't right here beside me because he doesn't walk very well due to having bruised his knees in landing yesterday."

The tiny island where they crash landed was a part of, or, very near a small group of islands once known as Knox Islands, (not Tarawa).

She definitely said, "The plane is drifting in the Passage." AE described Klee but due to household interruption I did not understand this part.

I was informed Amelia Earhart's message could not be heard anywhere but on the West Coast, and only by a certain person. Miss Earhart was using Eastern Standard Time, and gave the time as 2:20 P. M.

There seemed to have been some question about the quality of their communication equipment. From my reception I would say it was unbelievably good.

Personal opinions are a dime a dozen, but it is my personal feeling Amelia Earhart did not perish in the Pacific area, also I believe the communication equipment was used much later elsewhere.

To me there was an indication AE became a Displaced Person, but not in Japan, and was alive after the war. This I will think until proven otherwise, yet I cannot prove my opinion to be correct. Also, there is a possibility she may still be alive.

Somehow I doubt the Japanese Government knowing what happened to Amelia Earhart or Captain Noonan, and from my point of view the United States wasn't too interested, or they allowed the wrong persons control of the situation.

Living all these years with the knowledge, I unintentionally had a small part in trying to tell the world a truth, it, as a whole did not care to hear, and the accompanying criticism makes one feel somewhat unnecessary at times.

As you perhaps have observed, I am not a writer and have never had any desire to become a part of the news service. Naturally, I resent some methods of electronic investigation without permission of persons for invasion of privacy. To me this method has lost all self-respect.

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According to age I have about served my time as an active Registered Nurse, but with so much need for help in the professional field, older nurses may not fade away but work themselves away.

In Mrs. Amy Earhart's correspondence she spoke of how she had spent so many long nights at the window looking out over the Bay hoping for some sign of her Beloved Daughter's return. Age, coupled with a broken heart, later forced her to give up her vigil and go East to another Daughter's home.

Trust you may find some facts of interest in what I have written.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir:

Haven't read the late edition about Hitler, but have heard him speak by Short Wave various times, apparently without his knowledge, before his disappearance. These Short Wave receptions were of the same intonation, etc. as the first lengthy message from Amelia Earhart at 2:20 P. M. EST on July 3, 1937. This reception had an individual atmosphere not heard by me prior to this date.

One reception of this type was heard at the time of Benito Mussolini's death, and contained the following statements. "We have just shot Mussolini, Madame, and eight co-patriots." A description was given of the woman accompanying Mussolini, also the fact they were being hanged by the heels. The time of Mussolini's death was stated as "twenty minutes ago;" "We are going to get Hitler. Perhaps it will take forty-eight hours, but probably will be within twenty-four hours. WE ARE GOING TO GET HIM." I didn't hear any identification of the station or person speaking.

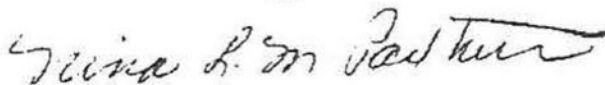
I am under the impression a Mr. Devine thinks he knows the exact location of Amelia Earhart's grave, and in what hangar her plane was kept.

After the war was ended, I saw a picture of a displaced woman in Germany. If the person was not Amelia Earhart, she bore an identical twin likeness to the Flyer.

Not being familiar with the areas mentioned in Short Wave receptions, I have tried to retain the facts as they were spoken on Short Wave.

Take for granted Amelia Earhart had a reason for using in her SOS messages the last word of the book, Last Flight, written by George P. Putnam, as her call letters instead of KHAQQ given in news reports. A reply would be appreciated.

Yours truly,



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