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Dear Mr. Southgate:

For your information it now appears that Miss Earhart will be able to renew her world flight attempt the latter part of May.

The original plan contemplated proceeding from Venezuela to Los Angeles via Central America and Mexico. Confidentially, because of increasing rains in that region it is now likely that she will attempt to fly from California, via a point in Texas, to Miami, and thence to Venezuela and on to Natal, via Porto Rico. — *that is going West-East*

I believe that these changes will have no affect upon the permissions thus far received. The previous permissions, as you know, included the British possessions, French possessions, Italian possessions, Brazil, Venezuela, as well as Central America territory now eliminated.

Because of changed weather conditions it is now possible that the route in Africa may also be changed. Actual decision on this point will not be made until Miss Earhart reaches Dakar, when the condition of the season can be appraised.

As you recall, the previous route was more-or-less directly across Africa between Dakar and Aden, with a slight swing north to Kartoum. The revised route, if taken, will be approximately as follows: Dakar to Casa Blanca, Casa Blanca to Benghasi, Benghasi to Basra via Baghdad, Basra to Karachi. Will this revised route, if followed, require any further permissions, or revision of present permissions?

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For your information we are already favored with the kindly cooperation of Sir Francis Shelmerdine, who has granted everything necessary in connection with the British territories involved and which permissions will be revised to cover the changed routing necessary.

For your further information, the personnel of the expedition has been changed to the following extent: Previously Capt. Harry Manning had been listed as accompanying Miss Earhart. Due to the delay Captain Manning is now out of the picture and his place is being taken by Frederick Joseph Noonan. Incidentally, I am securing the necessary visas on Mr. Noonan's passport so that such visas will duplicate those already secured on Miss Earhart's passport.

Sincerely,
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