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Mr. George Palmer Putnam,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

The following radiogram for you from Mr. Richard B. Black, Field Representative, Department of the Interior, stationed at Honolulu, T. H., in charge of colonization projects on Howland, Baker and Jarvis Islands, has just been received in this Division:

"Hampton Interior Department, - Washington, D. C.

Following from Black for G. P. Putnam: 'Request latest estimate arrival date Howland Island and frequent supplementary information via Coast Guard radio to reach me here or aboard ITASCA. Please give me full instructions on radio contact with plane as verification of information Earhart gave at Miami regarding frequencies and times of transmission. We have two radios dated March 13 covering plan on first flight. Lieutenant True, Aerologist, Fleet Air Base, will give forecast from Howland to Honolulu and suggest you arrange forecast New Guinea to Howland through weather facilities at Lae. The Ontario and Howland Island will forward data to Governor American Samoa but suggest you arrange forwarding from there via Amalgamated Wireless Sydney, also please arrange last minute data and schedule between plane and ITASCA via Naval radio to Tutuila. Renew request that Earhart photographs Howland from air if convenient.'

Governor Poindexter"

In accordance with the information contained in your telegram of this date, I have communicated with Mr. Black by radiogram, advising him of the expected arrival of Miss Earhart at Howland Island on or about June 23 or 24, provided of course that everything proceeds according to schedule.

If you will furnish me with the other information requested by Mr. Black, I will be glad to communicate same to him by radiogram.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) RUTH HAMPTON

Assistant Director.