

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:

"EARHART WILL BROADCAST RADIO PHONE GUARTER
AFTER AND QUARTER TO HOUR STOP HER FREQUENCIES
SIX TWO ONE OUGHI AND THREE ONE OUGHT FIVE
FORMER USED DATLIGHT STOP ALSO HAS FIVE HUNDRED
BUT DUBIOUS USEABILITY STOP ADVISE WHAT
FREQUENCIES ITASCA WILL USE DITTO NAVAL VESSELS
SO SHE CAN LISTEN STOP SUGGEST COAST GUARD AND
NAVY COORDINATE SO THAT HELPFOL WEATHER DATA BE
BROADCASTED TO HER AFTER LAE TAXEOFF ON THE HOUR
AND HALF HOUR STOP WILL CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS WITH
HER BY WIRE AT LAE STOP CAH ITASCA FORWARD
HOWLAND WEATHER FORECAST TO LAE POSSIBLY VIA THE
ONTARIO PRIOR TAXEOFF STOP WILL REQUEST HOWLAND
AIR PHOT GRAPH PUTNAM"

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 Samod".

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. Buth Hamaton,

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