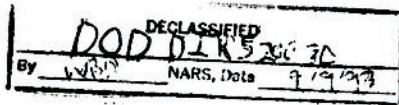


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June 4, 1937.



Dear Mrs. Hampton:

As per our last exchange of letters, I was to advise you the progress of Miss Earhart's round-the-world flight attempt in due time so that the necessary steps could be taken in connection with the dispatch of a cutter, personnel and supplies, as arranged, to Howland Island, the disposition of vessels and such preparation as might be necessary on the island itself.

As you doubtless noted in the papers, Miss Earhart is in Brazil today. The presumption is that she will fly to Dakar promptly. It is impossible to estimate accurately her progress. But, if all goes well, it is perhaps reasonable to assume that she will reach Karachi in the week of June 14th, if not earlier.

Unless unforeseen mechanical delays result there, or other delays subsequently, I think it is reasonable to assume that she should reach Darwin in Australia perhaps three or four days after leaving Karachi, and Lae in New Guinea five or six days thereafter.

I am assuming that perhaps six or seven days is ample notice to arrange final sailing etc. Therefore, I venture to suggest that preliminary plans be laid so that this notice should be given upon Miss Earhart's arrival in Karachi, which arrival might be around the 13th to 15th. Certainly by the time she leaves Dakar we should know pretty exactly, barring accidents, the approximate take-off likelihood from Lae.

I am venturing this letter simply to acquaint you in a preliminary way with progress and probabilities. I will keep you fully informed of developments. And I do not need to tell you how deeply Miss Earhart and I appreciate your own kindly cooperation.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Ruth Hampton.