



Enclosure No.2 to Despatch No.507 from the American
Consulate General, Sydney, Australia, dated August 21,
1937, entitled "Round-the-world Flight of Miss Earhart".

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Northern Territory Administration,

File No. 37/477.

Darwin.

3rd August, 1937.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th July
regarding the wireless equipment attached to Miss
Earhart's plane.

I referred your enquiry to Mr. A.R. Collins,
Aircraft Inspector and Officer-in-Charge of the
Aerodrome at Darwin, who has furnished a reply in the
following terms.

"I have to acknowledge your memorandum
reference the enquiry from the American Consulate,
Sydney, in regard to the wireless communication of
Miss Earhart, while at Darwin during the recent
round-the-world flight which it is deeply regretted
ended in disaster.

"When Miss Earhart arrived at Darwin it was
necessary to ask why there had been no radio
communication with the Government Direction Finding
Wireless Station under my control. (Miss Earhart
had been advised of the facilities and the Station's
wave length prior to departure from Koepang). Miss
Earhart regretted that the D/F receiver installed
in her aircraft was not functioning therefore an
inspection of this received was carried out and a
ground test arranged between the aircraft and the
D/F wireless station. It was discovered that the
fuse for the D/F generator had blown and upon
renewal in Miss Earhart's presence the ground test
was completed. Miss Earhart was advised to inspect
fuse in event of further trouble.

"During the journey from Darwin to Lae the
following morning communication was established
with Darwin for a distance of 200 miles from this
station, radio phone being used by Miss Earhart..

"No inspection of Miss Earhart's transmission
gear was carried out, this apparently being in order,
therefore Sergeant Rose cannot hazard an opinion
apart from the faulty fuse which affected only the
D/F receiver."

I trust that you will find this information of use.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) C.L.A. Abbott
ADMINISTRATOR

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