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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 83/10/103

Name of Correspondent: Delbert L. Latta

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) (B) (C)

Subject: Writes on behalf of Mrs. Lucille B. Emch, requesting a special msg to mark the dedication of the memorial to Amelia Earhart at the Toledo Express Airport.

## ROUTE TO:

## ACTION

## DISPOSITION

| Office/Agency (Staff Name) | Action Code      | Tracking Date YY/MM/DD | Type of Response | Code | Completion Date YY/MM/DD |
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## ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action  
C - Comment/Recommendation  
D - Draft Response  
F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary  
R - Direct Reply w/Copy  
S - For Signature  
X - Interim Reply

## DISPOSITION CODES:

A - Answered  
B - Non-Special Referral  
C - Completed  
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## FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Type of Response = Initials of Signer  
Code = "A"  
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THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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Ms. Lucille B. Emch  
752 Alviston Road  
Toledo, OH 43612

Dear Ms. Emch:

The President has asked me to congratulate the Zonta Club of Toledo I for its enterprise in perpetuating the memory of Amelia Earhart in a most effective and meaningful fashion--a permanent exhibit at Toledo Express Airport.

Those who pass through that airport will find no better role model than Amelia Earhart. She personified the finest in her chosen field of aviation; her contributions to the Nation have earned her a permanent place in history.

The directional guide that Amelia Earhart painted for pilots atop the Hillcrest Hotel is now 50 years old. Zonta has added another worthy reminder to the Nation.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hanford Dole

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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To: Mr. Logan Sallada  
Director, Executive Secretariat  
Department of Transportation

Date: October 11, 1983

**ACTION**

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Draft reply for:  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Undersigned's signature.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Direct reply.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Furnish information copy.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Furnish copy of reply, if any.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ For your information.  
☒ For comment. ADVICE AND DRAFT, IF RECOMMENDED.

**NOTE**

*Prompt action is essential.*

If more than 72 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

**REMARKS:** Unfortunately, the constituent's request only arrived in my office on Oct. 4 after the event. Could you please check into this and let me know what kind of belated message would be most appropriate -- one from the President or from the Secretary on his behalf. Thank you.

**Description:**

☒ Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
**To:** Ken Duberstein  
**From:** Cong. Delbert L. Latta  
**Date:** 9/28/83  
**Subject:** Forwards earlier request from Lucille Emch ZONTA Club of Toledo, who had asked for a Presidential message for the September 15 dedication of a memorial to Amelia Earhart at the Toledo Express Airport.

By direction of the President:

DODIE LIVINGSTON  
 Director, Office of Special  
 Presidential Messages  
 456-2941/Room 480-OEOB

ck

(Copy to remain with correspondence)

October 6, 1983

Dear Del:

Thank you for your September 28 letter requesting that the President provide a special message to mark the dedication of the Amelia Earhart memorial.

Your interest in bringing this event to our attention is appreciated, and please know that I have directed your correspondence to the appropriate White House office for every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Delbert L. Latta  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Dodie Livingston - for further action

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**ZONTA CLUB** of Toledo I  
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Amelia Earhart Committee  
Lucille B. Emch, Chairman  
752 Alvison Road  
Toledo, OH 43612

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

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Sincerely

*Lucille B. Emch*  
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Amelia Earhart Committee Chairman



PRESS RELEASE  
Aug. 3, 1983

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**The Founding And  
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Zonta  
International**

ZONTA was founded in Buffalo, New York, on November 8, 1919, as the "Confederation of ZONTA Clubs" by women executives representing nine charter clubs: Binghamton, Buffalo, Elmira, Ithaca, Rochester, Syracuse, and Utica, New York; Detroit, Michigan; and Erie, Pennsylvania. After the organization of two ZONTA clubs in Canada - Toronto, Ontario in 1927, and Hamilton, Ontario in 1928, the name was officially changed at the 1930 Convention to ZONTA INTERNATIONAL. The organization of clubs outside North America began in 1930 and in 1935 the Marian de Forest Fund for promotion and extension was established in honor of ZONTA's fourth president.

There are now more than 800 clubs in close to 50 countries with over 30,000 members.

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• Belgium • Canada •  
Chile • Colombia • Costa  
Rica • Denmark • Egypt •  
Finland • France • Germany  
• Ghana • Greece • Guatemala  
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Rico) • Uruguay

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 28, 1983

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Honorable Kenneth Duberstein  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ken:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter addressed to President Reagan on August 28, 1983 from the Chairman of the Amelia Earhart Committee of the Zonta Club in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Lucille B. Emch, Chairman, had written to the President requesting a message or a photograph to mark the dedication of the memorial to Amelia Earhart at the Toledo Express Airport. To this date, she has received no reply and although the date of the dedication is long past, Mrs. Emch has contacted me expressing her desire to receive a communication from the White House to display at the memorial.

I appreciate your assistance in this request, Ken, and I shall look forward to your reply.

With my very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



DELBERT L. LATTA  
Representative to Congress

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