

RELEASE IN PART  
B6

---

**From:** Campbell, Kurt M <CampbellKM@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2012 2:24 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: Amelia Earhart Project

Just FYSA

---

**From:** Campbell, Kurt M  
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2012 01:14 PM  
**To:** 'Lieberman, Evelyn' [redacted]  
**Cc:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** FW: Amelia Earhart Project

B6

Dear Evelyn,

We just had a good meeting with the General and his team. I found it very encouraging and I was impressed by the dignity and care in which General Dailey handled the matter. I will let your team give you their own judgment, but I at least am feeling more comfortable. We will be meeting later here at the State Department to ensure the event on Tuesday is handled with the utmost care. The NASM team is very grateful that the expedition has negotiated a provision in the agreement with Kirabati to publicly display any finds from the expedition. Please let me know what you think. I know the Secretary will value deeply your views on the best way forward.

Thank you for all you do at the Smithsonian. Washington would not be the same, either for our children or us, without your wonderful institution.

Best,  
Kurt

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

---

**From:** Campbell, Kurt M  
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2012 11:12 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Reines, Philippe I  
**Cc:** Toiv, Nora F  
**Subject:** FW: Amelia Earhart Project

Just had a very good meeting hour long meeting with the National Geographic guys and the Tighar team. Very productive and NASM is now very encouraging of the event and the Secretary's role. They are intrigued by the new evidence and supportive overall of the search -- even if one of their senior team (another searcher) has doubts about whether we will find her. The General and his team are fully on board with the event as we described it and the Secretary's proposed role in it (we stressed that this was still undecided) -- highlighting the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her flight, our Pacific heritage and a sense of adventure, and a quest to search. We will be careful, and very cautious about the prospects in her remarks. They thought that was right. I think they were very impressed by the amount of work and corroborating information we had and are appreciative that NASM would be able to display the plane if it is discovered. Nora will help set up a call with the General and Cheryl and the General is also sending me a supportive

email. He will also be speaking with Evelyn on his return to the Smithsonian. Nora will write her own take aways from the meeting as will EAP. Thanks for your help with this Nora. Best, Kurt.

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.