

British Embassy,

Tokyo.

November 5, 1923.

No. 146.

Monsieur le Ministre,

I am informed by His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs that Squadron Leader A.S.C. Maclaren of the Royal Air Force is to attempt a flight round the world during the period April to June, 1924. I have the honour to enclose a memorandum indicating the route which it is proposed to follow, from which it will be seen that Japan is one of the countries on the projected line of flight. Since it is proposed to carry photographic apparatus on board, I should be glad to learn from Your Excellency whether the Imperial Japanese Government would be willing on this occasion, as an exceptional measure, to waive any special restrictions in regard to aerial photography which may be in force in this country. Squadron Leader Maclaren would be prepared to give an undertaking to refrain from photographing prohibited or other special areas, and should the Imperial Japanese Government desire, would be glad to carry a Japanese officer in his machine during his flight over Japanese territory.

Although the officer's flight is a private undertaking,

His

His Excellency

Baron Hikokichi Ijuin,

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His Majesty's Government nevertheless entertain the hope that all possible assistance will be afforded by the foreign Governments whose territories will be traversed, and I accordingly have the honour herewith to solicit the courteous cooperation of the Imperial Japanese Government in assisting the successful prosecution of this enterprise.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Monsieur le Ministre, to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(For H.M.Ambassador)

Signed: C. M. Palairat

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PROPOSED FLIGHT ROUND THE WORLD BY SQUADRON LEADER MACLAREN.

APRIL - JUNE 1924.

Section 1.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Stage.</u> | <u>Miles.</u> |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Croydon - Lyons, | 500 |
| 2 | Lyons - Rome, | 550 |
| 3 | Rome - Brindisi, | 350 |
| 4 | Brindisi - Athens, | 375 |
| 5 | Athens - Cairo.(Direct) | 700 |

Section 2.

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|----|-------------------------|-----|
| 6 | Cairo - Amman, | 326 |
| 7 | Amman - Baghdad, | 625 |
| 8 | Baghdad - Buchire, | 500 |
| 9 | Buchire - Bandar Abbas, | 400 |
| 10 | Bandar Abbas - Charbar, | 325 |
| 11 | Charbar - Karachi. | 425 |

Section 3.

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|----|------------------------|-----|
| 12 | Karachi - Nasirabad | 526 |
| 13 | Nasirabad - Allahabad, | 500 |
| 14 | Allahabad - Calcutta, | 500 |
| 15 | Calcutta - Akyab, | 350 |
| 16 | Akyab - Rangoon, | 350 |

Section 4.

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|----|------------------------|-----|
| 17 | Rangoon - Vien Tiene, | 460 |
| 18 | Vien Tiene - Hanoi, | 400 |
| 19 | Hanoi - Hongkong, | 550 |
| 20 | Hongkong - Fu-Chau-Fu | 500 |
| 21 | Fu-Chau-Fu - Shanghai. | 450 |

Section 5.

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|----|--------------------------|-----|
| 22 | Shanghai - Fusan (Korea) | 550 |
| 23 | Fusan - Osaka (Japan) | 425 |
| 24 | Osaka - Tokio. | 300 |

Section 6.

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| 25 | Tokio - Aomori (Japan) | 400 |
| 26 | Aomori - Akkeshi Wan. | 325 |
| 27 | Akkeshi Wan - (Broughton Bay) (Kurile Isles) | 500 |
| 28 | ✓ Broughton Bay - Petropaulovsk (Kamohatka) | 526 |

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Section 6. (Continued)

| <u>No.</u> | <u>State.</u> | <u>Miles.</u> |
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| 29 | Petropaulovsk - Nikolaki Anchorage (Bering Isle) | 350 |
| 30 | ✓ Nikolaki Anchorage - Chicagoff. (Attu Isle) | 350 |
| 31 | ✓ Chicagoff Harbour - Nazan Bay (Atcha Isle) | 575 |
| 32 | ✓ Nazan Bay - Dutch Harbour. (Alaska) | 350 |

Section 7.

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| 33 | ✓ Dutch Harbour - Anchorage Bay. (Alaska) | 375 |
| 34 | Anchorage Bay - Kodiak. (Alaska) | 275 |
| 35 | Kodiak - Yakutat (Alaska) | 550 |
| 36 | ✓ Yakutat - Prince Rupert. (British Columbia) | 575 |
| 37 | Prince Rupert - Vancouver. | 525 |

Section 8.

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|----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 38 | ✓ Vancouver - High River | 550 |
| 39 | ✓ High River - Moose Jaw. | 400 |
| 40 | ✓ Moose Jaw - Winnipeg. | 375 |
| 41 | ✓ Winnipeg - Port William | 375 |
| 42 | ✓ Port-William - Site Ste Marie. | 275 |
| 43 | ✓ Site Ste Marie - Borden (Toronto) | 300 |

Section 9.

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|----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 44 | ✓ Borden - New York | 500 |
| 45 | ✓ New York - Yarmouth (N. Scotia) | 525 |
| 46 | ✓ Yarmouth - Sydney | 350 |
| 47 | ✓ Sydney - St. Johns (Newfoundland) | 375 |

Section 10.

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|----|-------------------------------|------|
| 48 | ↓ St. Johns - Flores (Azores) | 1225 |
| 49 | ↓ Flores - San Miguel. | 325 |
| 50 | ↓ San-Miguel - Lisbon | 900 |
| 51 | ↓ Lisbon - Madrid | 325 |
| 52 | Madrid - Bordeaux | 400 |
| 53 | Bordeaux - Paris | 330 |
| 54 | Paris - Croydon | 225 |

Grand Total - 24,275

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
TOKYO.

No.31.

February 19, 1924.

URGENT.

Monsieur le Ministre,

With reference to my note no.146 of November 5 last relative to the world flight which Squadron Leader A.S.O.MacLaren proposes to attempt in April next, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have received a telegram from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs stating that the Canadian Government trawler THIESVAL will leave Vancouver on February 28 to establish replenishment depots for this world flight in United States, Japanese and Russian territorial waters. I am accordingly instructed to approach Your Excellency with a view to obtaining the approval of the Imperial Japanese Government to the establishment by the trawler of depots at the following places:-

Codbay (Shumshir Island)

Blakiston Bay (Onkotan Island)

Broughton

His Excellency,
Baron H. I. J. M. Matsui,

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Broughton Bay (Simushir Island)
Hitokatsu Bay (Yotorup Island)
Nemoro (Yezo)
Hakodate.

His Majesty's Government express the hope at the same time that the Imperial Japanese Government will permit the trawler to obtain supplies and be reconditioned if necessary for the return voyage at Nemoro or Hakodate.

As the date of the THISSVAL'S departure is so near I shall be very grateful to Your Excellency for an early reply to the proposals of His Majesty's Government. I shall also be very glad to learn the views of the Imperial Japanese Government on the request which I had the honour to transmit to His Excellency Baron Ijuin in my note no.146 of November 5 last, namely that on the occasion of Squadron-Leader MacLaren's world flight the special restrictions relating to aerial photography in this country should be waived.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Monsieur le Ministre, to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Signed: Michael Palairat.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

TOKYO.

February 28, 1924.

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Urgent.

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency, with reference to your note No.28 of the 23rd instant and previous correspondence, that I have received a telegram from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs containing the following particulars regarding the world flight shortly to be undertaken by Squadron Leader Maclaren:-

1. The Machine selected for the flight is a Vickers VULTURE AMPHIBIAN flyingboat fitted with a 450 horse power Napier LION engine.
2. It will carry a crew of four persons from Tokyo to Vancouver.
3. It is scheduled to arrive at Shanghai on April 24.
4. Squadron-Leader Maclaren will require ground services from the Japanese authorities including hangar accommodation and general assistance.
5. The machine is not provided with wireless.
6. Squadron-Leader Maclaren requests that the details of the alternative aerial route which the Japanese

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His Excellency,

Baron Matsui etc. etc. etc.

H.I.J.M. Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Government propose as a substitute for the route already planned may be communicated to him before he leaves England at the end of March.

Your Excellency requests in paragraph 3 of your Note No.28 above-mentioned to be informed of the name of the person who will make the preparatory arrangements on Squadron-Leader Maclaren's behalf with the Japanese Air Authorities. As it does not appear that any representative of Squadron-Leader Maclaren will be coming to Japan, this Embassy will be glad to act as intermediary between the Japanese Air Authorities and the Authorities directing the British world flight.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Monsieur le Ministre, to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Signed; Michael Palairat.

5th September, 1924.

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Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has instructed me to convey to the Japanese Government a warm expression of the appreciation felt by His Majesty's Government for the valuable assistance rendered to Squadron Leader MacLaren during that part of his recent flight which lay within Japanese jurisdiction.

His Majesty's Government understand that, when the British aviators were forced to land at Susami owing to shortage of fuel, fresh supplies were despatched by Japanese sea-planes, one of which unfortunately met with an accident while so engaged. They are also informed that every possible assistance was rendered to His Majesty's Canadian Trawler "THIRPVAL" when laying stores in the Kurile Islands. Without this generous cooperation of the Japanese authorities it would have been impossible for Squadron Leader MacLaren to have completed this section of his flight.

His Majesty's Government have been most sensible of this generous spirit of helpfulness, and they are particularly grateful for the kind action of the Japanese Government, as

reported

His Excellency,

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reported in the press, in sending a Japanese war vessel to search for the British airmen when there was cause for serious anxiety in regard to their fate.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Monsieur le Ministre, to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Signed: C. Eliot.

H.B.M. Ambassador.

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British Embassy,

Tokyo.

1st December 1924.

No. 173.

Monsieur le Ministre,

In my Note No. 126 of the 5th September last I had the honour to convey to Your Excellency the thanks of His Majesty's Government for the assistance so generously rendered by the Imperial Japanese Government on the occasion of the British Round-the-World Flight.

I am now in receipt of a despatch from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the effect that the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Canadian Ship THIEPVAL has reported to the Canadian authorities that on his recent cruise in connection with the World Flight he was received with much courtesy and given great assistance by the following gentlemen namely,

His Honour Mr. M. Kohama, Mayor of Hakodate
and Colonel Hiroyo, Imperial Japanese Army, Military
Commandant at Hakodate.

The despatch adds that the Canadian Government desire that their thanks should be conveyed to Mr. Kohama

and

His Excellency

Baron Kijuro Shidehara,

etc. etc. etc.

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and to Colonel Hiroye for the services which they rendered on that occasion.

I have therefore the honour to transmit herewith to Your Excellency the thanks of the Government of Canada for the services rendered by Mr. Kohama and Colonel Hiroye to His Majesty's Canadian Ship THIRPVAL, and shall be grateful if you will take the necessary steps to have this expression of thanks conveyed to these gentlemen.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Monsieur le Ministre, to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

H.M. Ambassador.

(Signed) O. Elliot