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From: Chungking
To: WAR 447
AMMDEL AD 887

May 12, 1943.

President Lin Sen of China (Milid from Hearn and Wheeler info AMMDEL) suffered stroke in Chungking this morning May 12. Condition unknown. Chinese have not yet released this information.

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NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE
 BUT HIGHLY PLACED OFFICIALS ADMIT PRESIDENT
 LINSEN YESTERDAY SUFFERED STROKE CONDITION
 CAUSING CONCERN. IN EVENT OF DEATH CHOICE
 OF SUCCESSOR MIGHT INVOLVE NEW ATTITUDE
 TOWARD JAPAN.

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PRESIDENT LIN SEN

President Lin Sen was born in Foochow, Fukien province, in 1863. He graduated from the "Ying Yeh Shu Yuan" in Foochow and was one of the earliest members of the old revolutionary party which is now known as the Kuomintang.

Mr. Lin lived abroad for a good many years, mainly in Hawaii and in California. It was in Hawaii that he met ardent members of the Revolutionary Party. Subsequently he was appointed chairman of the Overseas Branch of the Kuomintang (Party) in America, through Dr. Sun Yat-sen. While in the United States, he helped to raise a large fund to overthrow the monarchistically inclined regime of President Yuan Shih-k'ai; he also worked untiringly among the Chinese to build up the Kuomintang (Party).

In 1912, the first year of the Chinese Republic, he held the position of President of the Senate of the Provisional Government and later President of the Upper House of the Chinese National Parliament until it was dissolved. He was Governor of Fukien province and Director of the River Conservancy in Kwangtung province. In 1927, he became a member of the State Council of Chiang Kai-shek's government in Nanking. In 1928, he was made Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan and, 3 years later, President. In 1931, he was proclaimed provisional President of the National Government, and, in 1932, was made President of the National Government of China, which position he still holds.

President Lin Sen is held in great esteem among his own countrymen, although he has never had any real political power. They frequently referred to him as a man of high honor, unselfishness, patriotism and of a refined temperament. He lived a frugal life and is very principled in all his dealings. He is also known as a patron of the arts.

While it will undoubtedly be difficult to select a man of his character and temperament for the titular head of the National Government in Chungking, the passing of Lin Sen will not have any serious effect on the political situation in China or on China's foreign policy.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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12 May 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL BROWN:

The President remarked after reading the dispatch about President Lin Sen of China that I should ask you as to the advisability of sending a telegram of sympathy to Chiang in view of the fact that the Chinese have not yet released the information, so far as we know.

I prefaced my remarks by saying that you had wondered if the President wished to send a message of condolence. The President laughed, saying he would turn the tables and have you make the decision.

Very respectfully,

W. C. MOTT

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Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N.R.