September 5, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

British have agreed to diversion of thirty-three Hudsons and thirty-three DB-sevens by end of year. C.

L. C.

(From Mr. Currie. To be charged to Division of Defense Aid Reports, O. E. M.)
SEPAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

September 18, 1941

FOR GROCO. SELECT BEST PILOTS FOR TRAINING HERE. STILL
WAITING FOR NAMES OF DISCHARGED. AM DROPPING HURRICANES.
YOUR LAST CABLE HELPFUL. C.

L. C.

(To be charged to Division of Defense Aid Reports, O. E. M.)
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Re: Defense Aid Program for China.

Now that the bulk of the money earmarked for China out of the first $7 billion has been allocated, I thought you might be interested in a brief summary of the program. As you will observe, shipments to date have been quite small but they should step up more rapidly from now on.

Lauchlin Currie

Lauchlin Currie
### Status of the Defense Aid Program for China as of September 17, 1941

#### Military Mission

"Will be sent for the purpose of assisting in carrying out the purposes of the Lend-Lease Act."

#### Burma Road

3 American truck experts made survey.  
Capt. Wilson, experienced truck man, observer.

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<td>7,500 tons asphalt for resurfacing</td>
<td>$262,500</td>
<td>4,922 tons</td>
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<td>33 American automotive technicians</td>
<td>400,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Labor &amp; materials for assembling vehicles</td>
<td>540,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 American experienced loaders &amp; dispatchers</td>
<td>80,000</td>
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<td>6,600 trucks, tires &amp; tubes, spare parts</td>
<td>$16,643,725</td>
<td>1,333 trucks</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$17,926,225</td>
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#### For Transport

**For Army, Air Force and Burma Road**

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<td>100 tank trucks</td>
<td>181,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Base repair shops</td>
<td>5,230,750</td>
<td>6,808 tires &amp; tubes</td>
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<td>Spare parts, tires, tubes for vehicles in China.</td>
<td>2,709,000</td>
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<td>Wrecker trucks</td>
<td>225,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$8,346,250</td>
<td>6,808 tires &amp; tubes</td>
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**For Air Force**

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<tr>
<td>122 tractors</td>
<td>535,000</td>
<td>12 tractors</td>
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<td>116 passenger cars, spare parts, tires</td>
<td>124,811</td>
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<td>720 trucks, tires, tubes, spare parts.</td>
<td>1,191,500</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$1,851,311</td>
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**For Army**

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<td>6,726 trucks, tires &amp; tubes.</td>
<td>18,111,950</td>
<td>510 trucks</td>
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<td>Portable assembly unit</td>
<td>180,000</td>
<td>9,200 tires &amp; tubes</td>
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<td>600 motor cycles</td>
<td>334,000</td>
<td>197 pieces of portable assembly unit</td>
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<td>612 Command Reconnaissance cars, tires</td>
<td>761,400</td>
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<td>64 radio cars</td>
<td>93,440</td>
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<tr>
<td>352 weapon carriers</td>
<td>360,800</td>
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<tr>
<td>928 1-ton trailers</td>
<td>301,600</td>
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<td>500 trucks (transferred from $1.3 b. category)</td>
<td>$20,143,190</td>
<td>500 trucks</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<td>For Yunnan-Burma Railway</td>
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<td>100 Tractor chassis with pole trailers</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
<td>3 shipments of construction material have been sent, incl. 40,800 shovels, 1,500 wheelbarrows, 500 axes, 1,162,839 lbs. explosives.</td>
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<td>Yunnan-Burma Railway Construction &amp; equipment of railway.</td>
<td>$15,000,000</td>
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**Aviation**

Air Mission inspected fields, equipment, etc.

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<td>12 transport planes</td>
<td>$1,970,000</td>
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<td>269 pursuit planes</td>
<td>28,070,268</td>
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<td>70 training planes (transferred from $1.3 bill. category)</td>
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<td>66 bombers released by British to be delivered by 12/31/41.</td>
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Program for training 500 Chinese pilots and 50 radio and armament mechanics in America has been approved, and the first 100 will arrive in October.

American Volunteer Unit now in China - 101 pilots, 181 ground personnel.

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**Ordnance**

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<td>360 howitzers, ammunition, equipment.</td>
<td>$13,957,948</td>
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<td>Armament for 240 light tanks</td>
<td>566,400</td>
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<td>12,000 sub-machine guns, ammunition</td>
<td>2,448,000</td>
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<td>1,750 Bren guns, ammunition, equipment</td>
<td>1,972,250</td>
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<td>1,360 Machine guns, anti-aircraft, ammunition</td>
<td>5,492,327</td>
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<td>360 anti-tank guns, ammunition</td>
<td>7,840,432</td>
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<tr>
<td>Armament for pursuit planes</td>
<td>1,527,005</td>
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<td>1,500,000 rounds ammunition (transferred from $1.3 billion category)</td>
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<td>80 range finders</td>
<td>$32,904,362</td>
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**Communications**

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<td>$1,507,788</td>
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<td>Radio</td>
<td>1,160,548</td>
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<tr>
<td>Signal</td>
<td>633,099</td>
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<td>$3,301,435</td>
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### Medical
- 16 Field Hospital Units .................................................. $142,400
- 64 Field ambulances .................................................. 99,400
- Medical & surgical supplies ........................................... 305,712
- Mission to combat malaria ............................................... 140,000
- 70 tons Paris Green to spray malarial marshes ..................... 31,800
  **Total Allocations:** .................................................. $3,473,312

### Oils
- Gasoline, oils, greases .................................................. $3,771,421
  **Total Shipments:** .................................................. 330,000 gals. gas.

### Service Supplies
- 3,000,000 cotton military blankets .................................. $3,000,000
- 10,000,000 yds. cotton sheetings for uniforms .................... 1,450,000
- 286,160 lbs. Thionol for dyeing cloth ............................... 300,000
  **Total Allocations:** .................................................. $4,750,000

### Arsenals
- There are more than 20 arsenals in western China manufacturing weapons & ammunition.

### Tools, metals, chemicals, etc. ........................................ $11,085,914.50

### Combat Vehicles
- 600 Armored scout cars .................................................. $4,380,000
- 240 7-ton tanks .................................................. 8,015,520
- 35 Scout cars (transferred from $1.3 b. category) .................. $12,395,520
  **Total Allocations:** .................................................. $12,395,520

### Shipping
- Port & transportation charges - 12 ships .......................... $1,805,500
  **12 ships have sailed.**

### TOTAL ................................................................. $166,994,708.50
October 16, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

SHIPPING TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIFTY CALIBER GUNS. NO MORE AVAILABLE AT PRESENT Owing TO NECESSITY OF ARMING ALL OUR MERCHANT SHIPS. HOPE FOR MORE LATER. AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR YOU TO HIRE TWO HUNDRED MORE PILOTS HERE. C.

(to be charged to Division of Defense Aid Reports, O.E.M.)
October 24, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

For GROCO. Approve full cooperation with Mission.

Keep Soong informed. Cable me through SEGAC if and when necessary. I will protect source of information when you indicate.

L. C.

(to be charged to Division of Defense Aid Reports, O.E.M.)
SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

October 25, 1941.

I must say I have you received my letters of August twenty-first via McHugh and September eighteenth via Magruder. C.

( to be charged to White House)
October 27, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

SOMUAY. IIL CURI!
REL-RI'ER~1
11 A !' FOR OIITA. WHO IS
AAGOUDA. C.

L.C.

(to be charged to White House)
October 31, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

AM TRYING TO HAVE THIRTYFOUR PILOTS ENROUTE PICKED UP AND FLOWN TO RANGOON. WILL ADVISE. PROSPECTS GOOD FOR DELIVERY OF HUDSONS BY AIR. C.

(To be charged to Lease-Lend Administration)
Formerly Div. of Defense Aid Reports, OEM.
FOR OMITA. PRESIDENT HAS CABLED GENERALISSIMO. I AM
PERSONALLY SATISFIED THAT REAL CONSIDERATION IS NOW
BEING GIVEN TO CHINA'S NEEDS AND THAT FLOW OF LEND-LEASE
WILL HENCEFORTH INCREASE. ALSO THE AIR PROGRAM WILL BE
MUCH BETTER ORGANIZED. HAVE MADE RESERVATION BUT REGRET
YOU WILL BE AWAY SO LONG. C.

P. C.

(To be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)
SEIJAC CHUNGKING CHINA

NOVEMBER 24, 1941.

CHARGE HAS BEEN MADE THAT FOX DOES NOT POSSESS
CONFIDENCE OF GENERALISSIMO. COULD YOU CONFIRM OR CONFUTE? C.

L.C.
NOVEMBER 25, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR KICKS.

AM DISTRESSED OVER YOUR REPORT OF REACTION. I ASSURE YOU
PRESIDENT'S FUNDAMENTAL POSITION IS UNCHANGED. OFFER IS EXTREMELY
MEAGER AND MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED. IF IT IS, TERMS WOULD BE MADE
PUBLIC AND IT IS FELT THAT MATTER CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BY AMERICAN
AND CHINESE PUBLIC IF PROPERLY PRESENTED. NO AVIATION FUEL INVOLVED.

Acceptance would remove real threat to Burma Road and yet not
acceptance would remove real threat to Burma Road and yet not

CHECK PROCESS OF ECONOMIC DETERIORATION IN JAPAN. WE MUST ALL
PLAN FOR 1942. IN THREE MONTHS YOU WILL HAVE FORMIDABLE AIR FORCE
IN CHINA PLUS ORDNANCE, TANKS, GUNPOWDER, MATERIALS FOR ARSENALS.

MY PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT IT IS TO CHINA'S LONG RUN INTEREST TO
WIN HER FREEDOM AT LEAST PARTLY MILITARILY RATHER THAN DIPLOMATICALLY.

ASSURE GENERAL ISSIMO I AM DOING EVERYTHING I CAN ON ALL FRONTS.

HAVE SUCCEEDED IN EFFECTING COMPLETE CHANGE OF ATTITUDE OF ARMY
TOWARD AVG. YOU HAVE RESERVATION DECEMBER TENTH, HONGKONG. DEEPLY
REGRET TO HAVE TO SAY THAT MESSAGES TO CABINET MEMBERS THROUGH TV
ARouse RESENTMENT AND INJURE CAUSE. C.
November 26, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNCKING
CHINA

FOR OMITA. ASSUME ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR RETURN WILL BE MADE THERE. ONE SENTENCE IN MY CABLE AMBIGUOUS. I MEANT A NEW OFFENSIVE IN 1942. OFFER HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. C.

(to be charged to White House)
November 27, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR OMITA. YOUR FIRST CABLE A GREAT HELP. DID NOT HAVE
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
TO USE SECOND. GREAT RELIEF. AM NOW BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO BUILD
UP AVG. C.

L C.

(Charge to White House)
November 28, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

For Omita. Postcript. Told T.V. I had sent you a message through State Department code re messages to cabinet and explained background to him. C.

(To be charged to White House)
December 10, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

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FOR OMITA. MESSAGE NINTH RECEIVED. ARE THERE PLANS FOR THE
IMMEDIATE JOINT DEFENSE OF BURMA? THIS APPEARS TO ME TO BE
MOST URGENT. GENERAL BRETZ IS PROCEEDING TO CHINA FOR GENERAL
ARNOLD. MOST IMPORTANT HE BE ACCORDED EVERY FACILITY AND THAT
EXTREME SECRECY BE PRESERVED. C.

R.G.

(to be charged to Lend Lease)
DECEMBER 17, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNIKING
CHINA

1 7 3 4 5 6 13 14 15 16 17
FOR OMMIT. MAKING PROGRESS. MAGNUDE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27
to press for much greater Chinese participation in Burma
28 29 30 31 32 33 34 36 37 38 39 40 41
defense and to suggest incorporating AVG into U.S. Army.
42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51
you may wise to suggest the organization of new Chinese
52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62
squadrons with American and Chinese staff officers selected
63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73
by and under Chennault's command. Some eight thousand pounds
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83
of airplane parts should arrive by air within two weeks.
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108
cargo due yesterday included machine guns, submachine guns,
109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119
howitzers and fifty caliber anti-aircraft guns. Could be
120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133
used by British or by Chinese in Burma. E is fine. C.

L.G.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)
DECEMBER 19, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS PARTS LEAVING TODAY FOR DARWIN AUSTRALIA.
GROCO SHOULD CONTACT BRETT ON FORWARDING ARRANGEMENTS. C.

(Chargeto Lend-Lease Admin.)
DECEMBER 26, 1941.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING, CHINA

FIVE DC3 WILL BE FLOWN OUT IN FEW DAYS; CONSIDERED TO MISSION.

CONGRATULATIONS ON FIRST ENCOUNTER. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)
December 26, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR GROCO. CORRECTION. FIVE LODESTARS INSTEAD OF DC-THREE. C.

(To be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)
December 30, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR OMITA. PRESIDENT, THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS, WILL
DEPLORE SEIZURE AND GIVE REASSURANCES. HE WILL DISCUSS
MATTER WITH CHURCHILL. I AM NOT CLEAR ON DECISION RE
USE OF CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA. WHY CANNOT CHINESE USE
LEND LEASE MATERIEL IN BURMA. HAVE ARRANGED FOR YOUR
RETURN AROUND THE 20th. YOU WILL BE INFORMED. C.

L. C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)
December 30, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

PERSONAL MESSAGE. ARMY WOULD LIKE TO CONVERT A.V.G. INTO
REGULAR U.S. ARMY UNITS. I AM INCLINED TO FAVOR THIS AS
INSURING STEADY AND INCREASED FLOW OF PLANES, SUPPLIES
AND MEN. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE THIS RESULT
WORKING OUTSIDE THE ARMY. YOU COULD SECURE CREDIT FOR
P-40's UNDER LEND LEASE AND REQUIRE ASSURANCES THAT WE
WOULD FURNISH CONTINUED AIR SUPPORT FOR CHINA, AND THAT
AMERICAN AIRFORCE IN CHINA WOULD OPERATE UNDER THE GENERAL
COMMAND OF THE GENERALISSIMO. AT THE SAME TIME WE COULD
CONTINUE MODIFIED LEND LEASE AIR PROGRAM FOR EQUIPPING
CHINESE GROUPS WITH MATERIEL AND SOME AMERICAN STAFF
PERSONNEL. WOULD LIKE YOUR REACTION. C.

L. C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)
JANUARY 2, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

FOR OMITA. ARMY ADVISES THAT IF YOU CAN PROCEED

IMMEDIATELY TO KARACHI YOU WILL BE FLOWN TO UNITED

STATES BY FIRST FERRY COMMAND AIRPLANE DEPARTING. C.

X C.

[Handwritten note: Change to White House]
January 3, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR GROCO. PLEASE CONVEY TO MEMBERS OF A.V.G. OUR

INTENSE ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE. STOP. HAVE YOU MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OBTAINING

SEVEN THOUSAND POUNDS PARTS FLOWN TO CALCUTTA AND FIVE

HUNDRED POUNDS FLOWN TO KARACHI. C.

(to be charged to Lend Lease Administration)
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

January 8, 1941

Segac
Chungking.

Fifty Army P-40-E will be shipped next week and be flown. Africa on will be accompanied by at least fifteen pilot replacements. Spare parts and ammunition will follow by boat. I am trying to have shipped 30 Lend-Lease P-43 and 25 P-66 by the twentieth. I suggest formation of Chinese pursuit group to fly these under Groco's selection and command. If you agree, advise number American staff officers Groco would wish detailed to this group take up officially and I will support stop. Organization and training might be arranged in India. Will explore if you wish, ask Groco for tonnage estimate of monthly supplies to maintain pursuit group in combat in China. Stop. American Burma Road personnel at Colombo en route to Rangoon am still of opinion bad relations might result from operation of road by mission or allied commission as proposed favor you retaining responsibility and following advice American technicians stop. Initial reaction need of financial assistance favorable. Treasury proposes recall Fox for consultation. C.
January 9, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR GROCO. APPRECIATE SUMMARY OF PRESENT STATUS PERSONNEL AND
MATERIEL. WHAT ARE MOST URGENT NEEDS. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)
January 12, 1942.

SEGAC
CHANGCHUHN CHINA

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FOX TO TRAVEL WITH OMITA. C.

C. C.
January 15, 1942

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

In view of conflicting reports, would appreciate accurate
information on number Chinese troops going to Burma with
destinations. C.

L.O.

(to be charged to White House)
JANUARY 19, 1942.

SEAC
CHUNGKING CHINA

FOR GROCO. DID YOU RECEIVE THIRTY BLADES SENT BY AIR TO CALCUTTA?

HOW MANY MORE DO YOU NEED? SUGGEST YOU CABLE ITEMIZED LIST OF PARTS

THAT ARE URGENTLY NEEDED AND CAN BE FLOWN. WINGS AND LANDING GEAR

MUST BY BOAT. NEW PLANES SHOULD REACH YOU IN FIVE WEEKS. ARMY WISHES

PROCEED INDUCTION PLAN. AM TRYING TO GET SIXTY-SEVEN GROUND PERSONNEL

to you FROM BRISBANE. STOP. PRESS FROM YOUR END. STOP. STAFF

OFFICERS SCARCE. HOW FAR CAN YOU PROVIDE THROUGH PROMOTION? HOW ARE

YOUR RELATIONS WITH RAF? C.

L. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)
JANUARY 19, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING CHINA

HEARTILY CONCUR YOUR CABLE SEVENTEENTH. AM HOPEFUL MATTER CAN BE WORKED OUT AGREEABLE TO YOU. AM RECOMMENDING LEND LEASE DOLLAR GRANT RATHER THAN LOAN WITH JUSTIFICATION TO CONGRESS NEED FOR AID FOR INTERNAL CHINESE MILITARY EXPENDITURES. THIS WAY AVOID TERMS, DEFAULTS, ETC. HOWEVER, SOME CONFUSION AROSE. WHAT IS YOUR MILITARY AND TOTAL BUDGET FOR FORTY-TWO? C.

L. C.
JANUARY 19, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING CHINA

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The White House
Washington

JAN 21 6 45 PM 1942 JANUARY 21, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING

ASK CONFIRMATION OUR INFORMATION FIFTH ARMY CORPS AT WANTUNG
SIXTH CORPS NEAR PUEH. STRONGLY ADVISE MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION OF
TROOPS AND TRUCKS AT BORDER LOOKING TOWARD DEFENSE OF CENTRAL AND
NORTHERN BURMA. C.

L. C.

(Charge to White House)
The White House
Washington

JAN 21 2 35 PM 1942

January 21, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
12-67 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
FOR GROCO. ASSUME THAT YOU ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
OBTAIN P40 SPARES FROM HORGH SILVER STAR AND TO MOVE
35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42
P48 SPARES UP COUNTRY, C.

[Signature]

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)
January 31, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR GRCOE. OWING TO DIFFICULTY OF ASSEMBLING FERRY PILOTS AND THE SPEED OF THE BOAT, P-40Es WILL GO TO INDIA BY BOAT.

SHOULD ARRIVE BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY. HOPE TO GET YOUR SPARE PARTS FLOWN. 30 P-40s HAVE LEFT BY BOAT. WE WILL ARRANGE FOR ASSEMBLY IN INDIA. HUDSONS WILL BE READY BY FEBRUARY 20.

PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY COMBAT CREWS THOUGH NO FINAL DECISION YET. C.

L. C.
JANUARY 31, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING

Owing to Fox delay and critical developments President
Decided push ahead on loan. Working on air freight
Service Sadiya-Myitkyina. Has British attitude changed
Re Chinese aid in Burma. Are there any changes in
Your forces there. Stilwell is highly regarded. C.

L. C.
FEBRUARY 2, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNKING
CHINA

FOR GROCO. BELIEVE IT TO BE IN CHINA’S INTEREST FOR YOU TO ACCEPT COMMAND OF (A) PORTION OF GROUP THAT WISHES REMAIN VOLUNTEER (B) REGULAR ARMY PURSUIT (C) REGULAR MEDIUM BOMBERS (D) CHINESE GROUPS. HALVERSEN WOULD COMMAND HEAVY BOMBERS. BISSELL OVER ALL. STOP. ALTHOUGH ATTITUDE TOWARD YOU IN ARMY IS EXCELLENT BISSELL WOULD BE IN MUCH BETTER POSITION SECURE ARMY COOPERATION FOR REALLY LARGE SCALE EFFORT. TRUST YOU UNDERSTAND MY MOTIVE IN SUGGESTING SACRIFICE ON YOUR PART. C.

L.C.
segac. Viceroy, Delhi, India

February 3, 1942.

For Groco. boat with P-40's must proceed west Africa. Serious shortage of ferry pilots. Could you spare twenty pilots to proceed by CNAC to Calcutta by February tenth, thence by ferry command with another twenty-two by February 20. Possibility of trading our planes for unused P-40's at Cairo. Will keep you advised. 4300 piston rings were on vessel Exceller. Could you form Chinese group to be assigned Hudsons with some American officers. Pursuit replacements 33 will fly them out. Acknowledge. C.

L.C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)
FEBRUARY 5, 1942.

SEGAC

c/o VICEROY
DELHI
INDIA

ADVERTISE ON POSSIBILITIES OF HIGHWAY RIVER TRANSPORT ASSAM
NORTHERN BURMA[?] NECESSARY TO FIND SOME ROUTE THAT CAN
BE PUT INTO OPERATION QUICKER THAN SADIYA SICHANG ROUTE.

C.

[Signature]
February 6, 1942.

SIR AC, VICE-ROY, DELHI, (INDIA).

For Groco. Trade of planes with British not feasible. Your pilots would proceed Takaradi. C.

(Change to Lend-Lease)
SEGAC

CARE VICEROY DELHI (INDIA)

Nine transport planes to be delivered this month. Twenty eight in March. Secret. Also thirty six 155 howitzers shortly. No answer received my February 3. C.
SEGAC
c/o VICEROY
DELHI
INDIA

1-6 7 8-16 17 18 19-25 26-31 32-33
ARNOLD AND STILLWELL INSIST ON BISSELL. GROCO OPPOSES
34-35 36 37 38 39-40
EQUALLY STRONGLY. STOP. IN THE INTERESTS OF SECURING
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 52 53 54-58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69
LARGE SCALE MATERIEL SUPPORT I WIRED GROCO THROUGH T. V.
INFORMING HIM OF DECISION AND ASKING HIM TO BE CONTENT
WITH FULL AND FREE PURSUIT COMMAND. YOU COULD HELP IN
EASING THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION. ARMY IS PREPARED TO
MAKE GROCO A B. G. SHORTLY. HIS SERVICES MUST NOT BE
LOST. BISSELL CAN GET EQUIPMENT AND IN OPERATION HE
WILL BE UNDER STILLWELL AND GENERALISSIMO. C.

L.C.
FEBRUARY 11, 1942

SEGAC
c/o VICE ROY
DELI
INDIA

RECEIVED ONE MESSAGE FROM CALCUTTA DATED FEBRUARY SIXTH,
NONE FEBRUARY SEVENTH. IS GROCO SENDING PILOTS AS
REQUESTED. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)
SEGAC
KUNMING
CHINA

FEBRUARY 25, 1942.

ADvised FERRY PLANE AT CALCUTTA. TRYING TO HAVE BALANCE OF
PILOTS SENT FROM HERE FOR FERRying. DAWSON'S MEN TRAINING TO
FLY HUDSONS. YOUR REPORT GROGO'S ATTITUDE PUZZLING AS I
RECEIVED MESSAGE THROUGH T. V. FEBRUARY 16 AS FOLLOWS QUOTE
YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE IN ANY
ORGANIZATION AND IN ANY CAPACITY DETERMINED TO BE MOST EFFICIENT
FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION END QUOTE. WHAT IS PRESENT STATUS
RE CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA.

101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109
FOLLOWING FROM OMITA: IN VIEW OF KEY IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL
AS WELL AS MILITARY PROBLEMS IN INDIA IF GENERALISSIMO WISHES
TO COMMUNICATE IDEAS OR EMPHASIZE PARTICULAR FACTS WHICH COULD
BE MORE EFFECTIVELY CONVEYED IN AN UNOFFICIAL MANNER THAN THROUGH
FORMAL AND OFFICIAL CHANNELS SUGGEST CABLEING ME.

C.

(to be charged to White House)
SEGAC
KUNMING
CHINA

FOR GROCO
NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVEMENT OF P FORTY'S COMPLETED INVOLVING

RELIANCE ON YOU FOR TWELVE PILOTS ONLY. MAXWELL SENDING DC THREE
TO CALCUTTA FOR PICK UP. C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)
March 23, 1942.

SEGAC CHUNGKING

FOR GROCO

SUGGEST YOU ASK STILWELL TO REQUEST FOUR

G & L DETECTION SETS WITH TRAINED OPERATORS. HUDSONS NOW

SCHEDULED TO LEAVE EARLY APRIL. C.

[Signature]

[Date: 21]
MARCH 31, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING

(MRH PV)

INDECISION THERE RE AIR COMMAND AND INDUCTION HURTING
10 11 12 13-18 19 20 21 22 23 PROGRAM HERE. ARNOLD STILL ADAMANT THOUGH I THINK
24-28 29-30 31 32-33 34 35 36-40 GINO'S WIVES WOULD BE CONTROLLING. HOPE GROCO KEEPS
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 IN MIND POSSIBILITY OF LARGE SCALE EFFORT RATHER THAN
49 50 51 52 53 54 JUST AVG. 53 C.

L. G.

(Charge to Lend-Lease)
SEGAC
CHUNGKING

FOR GROCO: 5,000 LBS SPARE PARTS BETWEEN CAIRO AND KARACHI MORE FOLLOWING. ASK LOGG CONTROL OFFICER KARACHI TO EXPEDITE. FIFTY PAOE BEING FERRIED. 21 EAST OF KARACHI.

6. 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70
30 PAO AT KARACHI. 74 MORE EN ROUTE PLUS 43 FCE.

22 PILOT REPLACEMENTS UNDER DAMBWER FERRING PAOE 8 11h

33 PILOT REPLACEMENTS SHOULD FERRY HUDSONS SHORTLY.

HAVE ASKED ARNOLD FOR 50 GROUND PERSONNEL FROM INDIA.

ASSUME STILWELL IS MAKING SAME REQUEST OF BREELETON.

RE INDUCTION AND YOUR STATUS ARMY HAS BEEN WAITING ON STILWELL. CHINESE CADETS YOU SELECTED MAKING EXCELLENT IMPRESSION. ATTENDED GRADUATION WITH MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT. C.

L. C.

(Charge to Land-lease administration)
SEGAC

CHUNGKING

Generals Perelton or Naiden in India might be acceptable to Stilwell, Arnold and Chennault as compromise for command. This suggestion

Strictly confidential. Still believe Geno's wishes as Commander-in-Chief should be controlling. C.

(Charge to White House)
April 7, 1942

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

HAS QUESTION OF AIR COMMAND BEEN SETTLED. HAS AVG...
14-15
16-17
18-20
21-23
24-26
27

REPRESENTATIVES AT KARACHI AND CALCUTTA TO EXPEDITE...
24 25 26 31 32 33 34 35 36

DELIVERIES OF PLANES AND SPARES. C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)
April 11, 1943.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MORGENTHAU FEELS DISAPPOINTED AND
HURT THAT HIS ADVICE HAS NOT BEEN Sought IN USE OF LOAN.

FOX Brought ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD BE. WOULD BE DIPLOMATIC
GESTURE TO BRING ADLER AND LATER FOX IN DISCUSSIONS TO KEEP

MORGENTHAU INFORMED. REQUEST FOR INTEREST FREE FUNDS PRIOR
TO ACTUAL NEED WHICH FUNDS WE HAVE TO BORROW AND THEN FOR YOU

TO INVEST IN U.S. GOVERNMENT BONDS MAY EXPOSE CHINA TO CHARGE
LATER IN CONGRESS OF BEING GRASPING OR GUILTY OF SHARP TRADING. C.

[Handwritten Signature]

(Charge to White House)
APRIL 20, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNKING CHINA

AM ASSURED BY ARNOLD THAT ALL PLANES SENT ARE FOR GMO AND STILWELL. 213 PURSUITSSENT 40 MORE IN TEN DAYS. BRERETON IS UNDER STILWELL. HE HOPES STILWELL WILL GIVE BRERETON SOME WHICH HE WILL REPLACE BUT THAT IS DEFINITELY UP TO STILWELL.

JOINT STAFF DIRECTED ONE AMERICAN PURSUIT GROUP FOR INDIA.

ARNOLD THINKS PURSUITS ON WAY MORE THAN AVG CAN HANDLE
IMMEDIATELY. I AM TRYING TO HAVE BRITISH SEND MORE PURSUITS TO INDIA TWO TO HAVE MORE PURSUITS AND BOMBERS SET UP FOR MAY DELIVERY TO CHINA. WILL ADVISE.

Correction INSERT IN TEN DAYS AFTER 40 MORE.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)
APRIL 20, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR GROCO HELPFUL IF STILLWELL WOULD REQUEST 6 RADIO
AIRCRAFT LOCATORS 16 BOPORS FOR IMMEDIATE USE. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)
ONE: SOME 45,000 TONS OF NON SELF MOVING CHINESE SUPPLIES HAVE
BEEN SHIPPED INDIA. OVER 100,000 TONS OF NON CRITICAL BEING
HELD HERE TIED UP 1,800 FREIGHT CARS, SOME SUPPLIES ARE
DETERIORATING, TIGHTNESS IN SHIPPING GETTING WORSE. NOT BELIEVED
LAND ROUTES INTO CHINA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 6 MONTHS. SUPPLIES
IN INDIA PLUS CURRENT SHIPMENTS CRITICAL ITEMS WILL OCCUPY AIR
TRANSPORT FOR SOME TIME. THEREFORE ARMY WOULD LIKE TO DIVERT
NOW MANY NON CRITICAL ITEMS. STIMSON WILL UNDERTAKE TO PROMISE
RESTORATION BEFORE INDIA-CHINA ROUTES OPEN. HOWEVER FEARFUL
OF MISUNDERSTANDING. APPEAL TO ME TO EXPLAIN SITUATION. AM
PERSONALLY SATISFIED OF GOOD FAITH OF ARMY IN MATTER.

TWO: REACTION TO TIMES AND ATLANTIC ARTICLES UNIFORMELY FAVORABLE.

THREE: SOUNDED OUT OPPOSITION SENATORS INFORMALLY ON LOAN.
FIRST REACTION WAS IF YOU RECEIVE INTEREST YOU SHOULD PAY INTEREST.
WILL PURSUE MATTER.

FOUR: HOPE ORDNANCE ON EXIRIA CAN BE RUSHED TO STILWELL.
April 29, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING CHINA

SECRETARY TREASURY ASKS ME TO CONVEY HIS PLEASURE

OVER DR. KUNG'S MESSAGE WELCOMING ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS.

(Charge to White House)
May 4, 1942.

SEAC
CHUNGKING

HAVE LEARNED THAT GENERAL MARSHALL IS CONCERNED
OVER THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF ANY EXPRESSION OF
OPINION, APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL BY GINO ABOUT
STILWELL OR INDICATION OF HIS DESIRES OVER FUTURE
MOVEMENTS OF STILWELL. WAR DEPT HAS SOUGHT TO
PLAY DOWN PUBLICITY ON STILWELL AND PLAY UP
CHINESE ROLE. PERSONALLY BELIEVE FRANK EXPRESSION
OF VIEWS WOULD BE HELPFUL AS GUIDANCE FOR MARSHALL. C.

L.C.

(Charge to White House)
May 15, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING

RE OMITA IN ADDITION TO SUPPORT OF CHINA IN EQUAL
PARTNERSHIP YOU MAY WISH STRESS LAID ON CHINA'S WAR AIMS. C.

(Charge to White House)
MAY 26, 1942.

SEEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

EVERY POSSIBLE MEASURE HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO MEET THE SITUATION DESCRIBED IN YOUR MESSAGE OF MAY 23rd. THE 10th AIR FORCE OFFERS THE MOST IMMEDIATE MEANS OF EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE. ORDERS WERE ISSUED MAY 24th PLACING IT COMPLETELY UNDER GENERAL STILWELL'S CONTROL, TO BE EMPLOYED AT HIS DISCRETION IN THE CHINA-SURMA-INDIA REGION.

STILWELL HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THESE INSTRUCTIONS, REITERATES HIS BELIEF IN THE DECISIVE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF CHINA, AND STATES THAT PLANS ARE COMPLETE FOR MAXIMUM EMPLOYMENT OF 10th AIR FORCE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF CHINA THEATER AND WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT AT THE Earliest POSSIBLE TIME. 10th AIR FORCE IS BEING STRONGLY REINFORCED BY PLANES NOW ENROUTE AND BY ANTIAIRCRAFT UNITS, AN AIRCRAFT WARNING COMPANY, ENGINEER AND MEDICAL UNITS, AND THE GROUND ECHELON OF TWO MEDIUM BOMBARDMENT SQUADRONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE LEAVING IMMEDIATELY.

C.

Charge to Send Lease Act
June 1, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING CHINA

FROM OMITA TO HOLLINGTON TONG

RADIO TUBES AS REQUESTED BEING SHIPPED BY AIR IMMEDIATELY

CONSIGNED TO YOU AT CHUNGKING. SUGGEST HAVE YOUR ACCREDITED

AGENT KARACHI TAKE DELIVERY FOR FURTHER SHIPMENT TO CHINA.

HAVE USED HIGHEST PRIORITIES TO SECURE MATERIAL AND SHIPMENT.

WILL YOU ARRANGE TO REIMBURSE UNIVERSAL TRADING CORPORATION.

Charge to Lend-Lease Administration
June 17, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING

RECEIVED LETTERS VIA MAGRUDER. WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR CABLE OF MAY THIRTY FIRST IN FEW DAYS. C.

(Crge to White House)
JUNE 17, 1942

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

PRESIDENT CANNOT SPARE HOPKINS. HE HAS SUGGESTED I GOING. PLEASE KEEP STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. WILL ADVISE. C.

(to be charged to White House)
June 24, 1942.

SEGAC CHUNGKING

NOTHING DEFINITE PENDING DEVELOPMENTS CHURCHILL CONFERENCES.

CAN ADVISE SOON. C.

(Charge to White House)
JUNE 26, 1942

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

All set. Will leave latter part next week. No publicity yet. C.

(Charge to White House)
June 26, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING

INFORMED T.V. WISHES OF PRESIDENT RE MY GOING. HE SAID I
COULD ACCOMPLISH NOTHING ASKED ME TO INFORM PRESIDENT TO
THAT EFFECT AND HE WOULD DO LIKEWISE. SORRY. STOP. I DID
NOT SAY I HAD ALREADY CABLED YOU C.

R. C.

(Charge to White House)
SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

Departure scheduled July 6th. C.

(to be charged to White House)
SEMAC

CHUNGKING

12-3 4 5 7-8 9 10-11-12 13 14
ARRIVED SAFE AND WELL. PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NOW BEING
15-16 17 18 19 20 21 22-23 24-25
STUDIED BY PRESIDENT AND WAR DEPARTMENT. RECEIVED AIDE
26-27 19 20 21 34 35 36 37-38 39
MEMOIRE THROUGH T. V. STATES UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED ON
40 41, 42, 43, 44 45 46 47 48 49-50 51
VARIOS POINTS. YOU WILL RECALL I WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO
52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65
MAKE COMMITMENTS. STOP. IN 38 WORDS QUOTE ON WHICH TITLE
66 67-68 69 70 71 72 73-74 75 76-
HAS BEEN PASSED TO CHINA UNQUOTE SHOULD BE INSERTED AFTER LEND
77 78 79 80-81 82 83
- LEASE SUPPLIES. STOP. THIS DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN SUPPLIES
84-85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95
SHIPPED BEFORE AND AFTER MAY FIRST. STOP. PRESIDENT HEARTENED
96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103-4 105 106 107
BY MY REPORT. WILL WIRE MORE FULLY NEXT WEEK. C.

SIGNED AT 205 A.M.

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SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR DR. KUNG 4-5-6 7-9-9 18
GREATLY APPRECIATE SOLATIUM FOR
MRS. FOX.

C.

(to be charged to White House)
SEPTEMBER 3, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

LATTIMORE WILL RETURN AS YOU SUGGEST FOR TEMPORARY DUTY.

[Signature]

(Charge to Lend-lease)
September 14, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

PROGRESS SLOW. ENOUGH ADDITIONAL COMBAT PLANES SET UP TO TAX CAPACITY OF AIR TRANSPORT INCLUDING NEW PLANES FOR SOME MONTHS.

DETAILS FROM STILWELL. NO AMERICAN DIVISION YET. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease)
SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

PROBLEM OF BURMA OFFENSIVE IS STILL UNDER ACTIVE STUDY. ONE
DIFFICULTY IS COMPLICATED COMMAND QUESTION. STOP. IS SITUATION
BETTER THERE. STOP. AM CERTAIN ONE THING THAT WOULD INFLUENCE
WAR DEPARTMENT FAVORABLY WOULD BE PRESENCE MORE CHINESE TROOPS
IN INDIA. WE WOULD FOREGO TUNGSTEN FOR TWO MONTHS IF YOU WOULD
SEND OUT 20 - 25,000 MORE GOOD TROOPS FOR US TO EQUIP. DOES
G-WO STILL APPROVE IDEA. STOP. 10TH AIR FORCE WILL HAVE BY
OCTOBER 31ST ABOUT 160 FIGHTERS, 48 MEDIUM BOMBERS, THIRTY-ONE
HEAVY BOMBERS. STOP. PLANES ENROUTE FOR CHINESE AIR FORCE WILL
BRING TOTAL TO WELL OVER 300. AIR TRANSPORT EXPECTED TO SHOW
CONTINUED GRATIFYING INCREASE TOWARDS GOAL. STOP. RE GROCO
AMERICANS SINCE JULY 20 MAY ACCEPT DECORATIONS FROM CO-BELLIGERENTS.
STOP. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR TRIP. C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)
SEVAG
CHUNGKING
CHINA

OMITA LEAVES TWENTY-EIGHTH. Y. C. WEN ASKS ME TO EXPRESS
HIS DEEP APPRECIATION. IS SENDING LETTER VIA OMITA.
EXCITEMENT OVER HU SHIH SUBSIDING. PLEASE TRY TO MEET

WHEELER. C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)
The White House

Washington

SEP 30 6 23 PM 1942

September 30, 1942

SEGAC

CHUNGKING, CHINA

T.V. is pressing for action on naming post war Technical Mission. I advised my people to delay until we receive definite views of GMO's wishes. Am I right? C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease)
SEGAC

CHUNGKING CHINA

October 2, 1942.

FOR DR KUNG. AFTER DISCREET SOUNDINGS CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT NOBODY WILL OBJECT TO INVESTMENT OF TWO HUNDRED MILLION BUT YOU HAVE A GOOD CASE AND I SHOULD TAKE A CHANCE ON IT. C.

K.G.
OCTOBER 10, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

HAVE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO TRANSFER AIR FERRY OPERATIONS
FROM 10TH AIR TO AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND. BELIEVE THIS WILL
ENSURE BETTER OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT FROM THIS END. POSITION
YOU SUGGESTED FOR ME LOOKS LIKE REAL POSSIBILITY. C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)
SEGAC  
CHUNGKING  
CHINA  

OCTOBER 13, 1942  

I have considered where I could be of most service. Now convinced it is there. Ability to influence here is steadily decreasing as army takes over and President more and more refrains from military decisions. Therefore had planned in any case shortly to resign and accept long term appointment on reserve board to work on post-war economic problems. Now new possibility offers opportunity to enlist support of powerful state department. My direct access useful only because regular channel was unsatisfactory. If latter satisfactory it provides better access. If I don't accept you will get less understanding person there and shortly no one here. C.

[Signature]

(Charge to Lend-Lease)
October 16, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

SHOULD ADD TO MESSAGE THIRTEENTH THAT ANOTHER FACTOR OF IMPORTANCE
IS RESULTING GREATER AUTHORITY LATER TO INFLUENCE POST WAR POLITICAL
ECONOMIC DECISIONS RE CHINA STOP. INITIATIVE IN THIS PROPOSAL TAKEN
BY PRESIDENT AND STATE DEPARTMENT AND I COULD COUNT ON FULL SUPPORT
STOP. I WOULD DELAY DEPARTURE UNTIL MORE WORK DONE ON COMMISSIONS
ENTRUSTED ME. WILL SERVE HERE AS LONG AS TRULY USEFUL BUT MUST SOON
CONSIDER OWN LONG TERM INTEREST. APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease)
SEGAC
CHUNGKING

IN STRICT CONFIDENCE PROSPECTS EXCELLENT FOR ALLOCATION
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
SHORTLY OF DOZEN FOUR ENGINE TRANSPORTS. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease)
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Re: Conversation re. Chennault.

Thinking this matter over, you might be well advised to take some action to get Chennault in a better frame of mind before he comes home. Madame Chiang urges that he be placed in command of a new air force in China, and not under the commander of the Tenth Air Force whose headquarters are in New Delhi. Also I would get him more bombers and decorate him. I'm very much afraid that if he comes home in his present frame of mind, he will talk freely and stir up a lot of bitterness over the Army's "neglect" of the China theatre.

I'll know more about this whole situation when Lattimore arrives.
The White House  
Washington  

DEC 18 5 20 PM 1942  

SEGAC  
CHUNGKING  
CHINA  

FOR GENERALISSIMO.  HAVE LAID BEFORE THE PRESIDENT THE VIEWS  
YOU DISCUSSED WITH ME JUST BEFORE I LEFT CHINA. HE RECEIVED  
THEM VERY CORDIALLY. WHILE THE TIME HAS NOT YET COME TO  
INITIATE DISCUSSION OF DETAILS THROUGH FORMAL CHANNELS, HIS  
BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS OF WESTERN PACIFIC IS VERY  
SIMILAR TO YOURS AND VERY SYMPATHETIC AND HE FEELS THAT IN DUE  
TIME DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT SATISFACTORILY. STOP. IN THE  
NORTHEASTERN AREA IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONSULT A THIRD  
PARTY. STOP. IN THE SOUTHWESTERN AREA THE PRESIDENT FINDS  
THAT CHURCHILL IS RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF HANDLING, BY MEANS  
of Trusteeship, a large number of colonial problems in a way  
that will show a marked and rapid advance over previous concepts  
of colonial sovereignty and over mandate methods as applied under  
LEAGUE OF NATIONS.