PSF: China, Lauriön Currie
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F, CHUNGKING, Sept. 14, 1941

DR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE:

Following from GROCO quote receipt of your cables re shipment
ammunition, delivery full details of my recommendations for equip-
ment and personnel to embassy Chungking, possibility of obtaining
400 hurricanes in 1942 and definite commitment of 33 Hudsons 33DB-7
airplanes upon acknowledgment. Have lost one pilot by accidental
crash in training. Will lose six to ten men of all ratings by
resignation or discharge for cause. Estimate last lot of men will
arrive about October 20. Group will continue training until full
strength is available. In my opinion situation here very serious.
Reliable information indicates Japanese are concentrating strong
air force in Indo-China with objective destroying volunteer group
by force of numbers and stopping movement of supplies along Burma
Road. Entire Japanese viewpoint and national policy may be
affecting volunteer group is destroying. Japanese have vastly
superior numbers of pilots and airplanes. Considerable superiority
in technical equipment constitutes only hope of
by numerically
inferior force. The P-40, P-48C and hurricane pursuit planes have
only slight margin of speed over Japanese pursuit planes and all
are inferior in rate of climb. The P-43 plane should be considerably
superior in speed and climb above 15,000 feet but inferior in fire
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power. Relatively small force equipped with P-43 or later model airplanes should be able to defeat much larger force equipped with Japanese types. Do not believe War Department fully appreciates excellent combat qualities of Japanese airplanes. For these reasons would not like to accept more than fifty hurricane fighters with four twenty millimetre cannons in 1942. Later design fighters such as P-43, P-47, P-48D, P-38, P-39 or British spitfire can possibly be obtained. Urge employment of minimum of ten pursuit monthly for replacement and expansion of volunteer force. Am forwarding my estimates of personnel required for bombardment groups to unquote GROCO returning Burma Tuesday.

SEGAC.
CHUNGKING, Sept. 28, 1941

DR. LAUCHLINE CURRIE:

Generalissimo requested me wire you that owing to present critical military situation China in dire need of two thousand accessory machineguns of one half inch caliber will you please expedite immediate delivery.

SEGAC.
Dr. Lauchlin Currie:

Segac asks me communicate following. Treasury man who recently came from Washington with British economist was requested by Kung to present four points Treasury for immediate urgent consideration. Firstly: Increase exchange support fund above fifty million increase confidence in FAPI. Secondly: Fix date after which American currency circulating in China will be withdrawn from circulation in order end speculative buying. Thirdly: Authorize Chinese Consuls supervise all exports to China bought with exchange granted by exchange in order ensure only necessities exported and prevent speculative and luxury purchases. Fourthly: Re-finance all Chinese loans in one big loan in order save China repayment of of various loans during war. In addition Generalissimo earnestly admonished him that China's economic danger greater than military. No room for economic strategic retreat and elastic defense. Economic collapse would affect whole country and might be sudden and overwhelming. All above for your guidance confidential as Treasury man said he would not cable but carry the message verbally. After these interviews he had lunch with British economist just before leaving Omita.
Dr Currie

THE WHITE HOUSE

FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF GENERALISSIMO'S INTERVIEW YESTERDAY WITH MAGRUDER. GENERALISSIMO DEEPLY GRATIFIED AT ARRIVAL MAGRUDER MISSION WHICH UNLIKE GERMAN AND RUSSIAN MILITARY MISSIONS ENGAGED BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT STOP MAGRUDER MISSION OWES ITS ORIGIN TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND FOR THE COMMON INTERESTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES STOP GENERALISSIMO RECOGNIZE RECOGNIZE FRIENDLINESS OF AMERICA'S ACTION ESPECIALLY AT TIME OF TENSION WHEN ALL OFFICIALS NEEDED BY HOME GOVERNMENT OFFERS

STOP DEFINITE INFORMATION REACHED HIM THAT JAPANESE DESIGN ATTACK YUNNAN IN NOVEMBER 2 STOP THIS MOVE MAY POSSIBLY BE Averted IF AMERICA TAKES IMMEDIATE ACTION BY INFORMING JAPAN THAT ATTACK ON YUNNAN THROUGH INDO-CHINA WOULD BE VIEWED BY AMERICA AS DEFINITE STEP IN SOUTHWARD EXPANSION AND THAT AMERICA CANNOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT STOP GENERALISSIMO POINTS OUT THAT IF YUNNAN IS LOST AND LAST LIFE LINE FOR MATERIAL FROM THE NORTHERN SIDE WORLD SEVERED MORALE OF CHINESE PEOPLE AND ARMY WOULD BE SO SHATTERED THAT CONTINUED ARMED RESISTANCE WOULD BECOME IMPOSSIBLE STOP HE IS CONFIDENT THAT WITH FORCES IN YUNNAN AND AVAILABLE NEARBY CHINESE ABLE TO HOLD THEIR OWN LAND FIGHTING IF REINFORCED SOUTHWARD STOP
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#2.

CHENNAULT has only forty nine pilots consequently strong air reinforcements essential stop request America strongly urge Britain send Singapore air force to cooperate with Chennault in order save Democratic position in Far East stop Britain and America should be equally concerned to prevent loss of Yunnan Chinese? as CHINON because if Japanese occupy Yunnan their next step British? would certainly attack BRITISH Far East territory and precipitate war in the Pacific stop if immediate action taken by Britain in sending air reinforcements her territory would be saved at a fraction of cost and Pacific problem would simultaneously be solved because Japan will concentrate largest airforce in Indo China and if destroyed by combined air force threat to Far East finally removed

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FBB20 WUC 169 Gov't CDE. 11:45 PM
Washington

F CHUNGKING, October 30, 1941

DR. CURRIE.

MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM GROCO: "FOLLOWING MEN HAVE QUIT CONTRACTS E. X. W W G J W N, CHIEF OBTRUSION ADMINISTRATOR, F-P. D U D Z I K, CLERK ADMINISTRATION. L. H. JOHNSTON, CLERK OPERATIONS, ALL FORMERLY ARMY AIR CORPS". ALSO "P. W. ATKINSON KILLED IN ACCIDENTAL CRASH OCTOBER 25 WHILE CONDUCTING TEST FLIGHT OF P-40 AIRPLANE". UP TO DATE THIS IS THIRD MAN KILLED AND FOURTH MACHINE CRASHED. ALSO "LESS THAN HALF GROUP PILOTS ARE HERE. READY TO MOVE WHEN THREE-FOURTHS OF PILOTS HAVE ARRIVED ESTIMATED NOVEMBER 20. ALL PERSONNEL HERE EAGER TO BEGIN OPERATIONS".

S E G A C.
DR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE.

Both your letters received. Just returned from Yunnan. Military potentialities there worry provincial as well as central authorities. Governor Libg told me he had not been seriously alarmed hitherto but now urged me to entreat generalissimo for greatly increased aid and small food reserve combined with transport slowness meaning that large scale military activity would cause grave complications. Consequently in Yunnan even mountainous terrain would cause Chinese defense more disadvantage and less advantage than elsewhere and medium size Japanese offensive well covered by air force and backed by transport might succeed in deep penetration. Control of air is decisive factor. Returned from Kunming with Mowrer who reported British Malaya Burma air forces very confident their superiority to Japanese. Australian land and air forces would even like to undertake preventive intervention in Thailand. However divided councils among British with some much more passive than others. Duff Cooper especially critical of Home Government lack of initiative. He told Mowrer that three days before fall of Konoye Cabinet Craigie wired Mecca approximately,
APPROXIMATELY,

"TIME NOW SUITABLE FOR REAL PEACE WITH JAPAN HOPE THIS TIME
AMERICAN CYNICISM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH
REALISTIC STATESMANSHP". PERSONALLY CONSIDER PIVOT OF
SOUTHEASTERN ASIA FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE IS YUNNAN NOT THAILAND.
POLITICALLY THE KEY IS IMMEDIATE AMERICAN INITIATIVE IN
COORDINATING DEFENSE OF YUNNAN AGAINST THREAT TO BURMA ROAD.
WITHOUT AMERICAN INITIATIVE DANGER THAT BRITISH WILL DO TOO
LITTLE AND DO IT TOO LATE. WITH AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN
BECOMING ACTIVE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COULD RAPIDLY OVERCOME
REMAINING PROVINCIAL AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFICULTIES
ON BURMA ROAD AND TRAFFIC WOULD GREATLY INCREASE.

OMIT A.
CHUNGKING NOVEMBER 14 1941

CURRIE

THE WHITE HOUSE

CORRECTED COPY

Please secure Clipper priority for me approximately January 15 Hongkong and tell my wife coming home three months leave. She is expressly invited return China with me also son, if we descend. She should consider plans immediately and inform university. Yunnan situation distressful, convinced if united attitude unequivocal Japan will not invade. If attitude hesitant invasion may be precipitated. If bargaining attempted and concessions like oil offered, threat will be renewed when and where most feasible to Japan. SEGAN C wiring to TV show you message just received from Churchill to Generalissimo

(signed)

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CHUNGKING NOVEMBER 14 1941

CURRIE

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may be precipitated. If bargaining attempted and concessions
like oil offered threat will be renewed when and where most
feasible to Japan (full stop) SEGAC wire ing [? ] to TV (1)
show you message just received from Churchill to Generalissimo

(signed)

OMITA
CHUNGKING, November 25, 1941

LAUCHLIN CURRIE.

AFTER DISCUSSING WITH GENERALISSIMO CHINESE
AMBASSADOR'S CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF STATE I FEEL YOU
SHOULD URGENTLY ADVISE PRESIDENT GENERALISSIMO'S REACTION
VERY STRONG. NEVER SAW HIM REALLY AGITATED BEFORE.
LOOSENING ECONOMIC PRESSURE OR UNFREEZING IN HOPE
REMOVING BURMA ROAD THREAT WOULD DANGEROUSLY INCREASE
JAPAN'S MILITARY ADVANTAGE ON ALL OTHER CHINESE FRONTS.
UNLESS JAPAN WITHDRAWS ALL FORCES FROM ALL CHINA ACTUAL
OR APPARENT RELAXATION AMERICAN PRESSURE WOULD CAUSE
CHINESE COLLAPSE. FAINTEST RUMOR "MODUS VIVENDI" WOULD
BE MORE DISASTROUS (?) BELIEF IN AMERICA THAN CLOSING
BURMA ROAD, WHICH PERMANENTLY DESTROYED BRITISH PRESTIGE.
JAPAN AND CHINESE DEFEATISTS WOULD INSTANTLY EXPLOIT
RESULTING DISILLUSIONMENT URGING ORIENTAL SOLIDARITY AGAINST
OCCIDENTAL TREACHERY. NEITHER PAST ASSISTANCE NOR ANY
INCREASING AID COULD COMPENSATE CHUNG OF BEING
DESERTED AT THIS HOUR. GENERALISSIMO HAS DEEP CONFIDENCE
IN PRESIDENT'S FIDELITY TO HIS CONSISTENT POLICY BUT I
MUST ( ) YOU EVEN GENERALISSIMO COULD NOT HOLD SITUATION
TOGETHER IF NATIONAL TRUST IN AMERICA UNDERMINED BY REPORT.
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Washington

OF JAPAN'S ESCAPING MILITARY DEFEAT BY DIPLOMATIC VICTORY.

OMITA.
AA344 WUC VIA RCA 7:00PM

F CHUNGKING 89 SCDE November 27, 1941

CURRIE.

HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GENERALISSIMO WHO REFERRED ME O R. KUNG ON GROUND-PLAN FOX'S ACTIVITY ENTIRELY CONNECTED FINANCE MINISTRY AND GENERALISSIMO DOES NOT INTERVENE O R. KUNG STILL HAS CONFIDENCE IN FOX IN SPITE OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST FOX'S TEMPERAMENT AND PERSONALITY. FOX'S VIEW SINO-AMERICAN INTEREST AND COOPERATION FULLY COINCIDES CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S AND HIS INTEGRITY FULLY APPRECIATED.

OMITA.
CURRIE.

GENERALISSIMO has shown me Chinese Ambassador's summary of America's suggestions—term negotiation with Japan. He is shocked by suggestion that an agreement would be no worse than Britannia's closing Burma Road. He wishes President understand that fundamental question is not wording of terms but departure from principle involving sacrifice of China, callousness of which impossible hide.

China now entering fifth war winter. Generalissimo unwilling to disguise national war weariness in face appalling hardships. Lease-Lend aid still requires time for effectiveness but proposed concessions would immediately revive Japan. Protracting negotiations already causing grave widespread alarm because unequivocal American attitude would clearly ensure Japanese defeat. Failing public American declaration no relaxation of freezing and other restrictions until Japan withdraws from all China and accept fundamental settlement involving manifest defeat of aggression, defeatism in China will become avalanche.
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AVALANCHE.

HAVING ONCE FROZEN CREDITS AND CUT OFF OIL EFFECT OF RENEGING DISASTROUS. SHANSI GOVERNOR OTHER MILITARISTS FOR ______ WAVING. JAPAN'S STRONGEST ARGUMENT TO THEM HAS BEEN AMERICA WILL APPEASE. IF CHINA TO STAY UNITED MAINTAIN RESISTANCE NECESSARY COUNTERACT INSIDIOUSLY GROUPING WHISPERING CAMPAIGN THAT DEMOCRACIES SACRIFICE CHINA TO GIVE ACTUAL AID TO AGGRESSOR. PERSONALLY CONVINCED AFTER FIVE MONTHS WIDEST CONTACT CHINA CANNOT REMAIN ISOLATED. MUST SEEK ASSOCIATION. NATIONAL PREFERENCE IS ASSOCIATE ______ NOW AND FUTURE BUT IF INCREDIBLE DANGER OF AMERICAN DESERTION MUST SEEK RE-INSURANCE.

OMITA.
The White House
Washington

F Chungking, December 9, 1941

Currie.

Generalissimo today telegraphed T. Y. Soong - Chungking
consult President and Soviet Ambassador urging prompt
simultaneous Soviet Chinese declaration war on Japan
following American declaration STOP. Coordinated Chinese
Soviet land action essential because only Soviet can attack
both by sea and air and thus is key to joint land sea air
war by all democracies whereas if Soviet hesitates Japan
can fight democracies peacemeal STOP. Even without Soviet
preparation China unhesitatingly follow American declaration
but if China declared war without waiting for Soviet afraid
Soviet may delay longer STOP. Foregoing message additional
to formal diplomatic proposals simultaneous American Chinese
declarations war on Germany Italy and Soviet declaration
on Japan because Generalissimo anxious use every approach
to Soviet including Washington in order insure undelayed
Soviet participation. Soviet military attache hinted
Soviet fights Japan America might not concentrate main
effort in Pacific STOP. Clear that America
will give priority to Pacific over Atlantic until Japan
settled would undoubtedly bring Soviet in.

Omita.
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Washington

F. CHUNG KING, December 11, 1941

Currie.

After seeing American, British, Soviet military representatives Generalissimo convinced absolute necessity coordinating various Pacific fronts. Emphasizes importance promptness. For instance China cannot move against Annam because proper liaison British lacking. Indications here Soviet attitude improving and would be satisfactory once general coordination effected. Generalissimo proposes military pact for mutual aid between all democracies or A B C D if Soviet delays joining. Also proposes Inter-Allied Pacific Military Commission located Chungking strategically central with American at head because only American leadership can bring all countries into line and inter-Allied staffs in Malay Peninsula, Philippine Islands, Dutch Indies, etcetera. Commission should coordinate all strategy and control priorities and movements of supplies. Foregoing proposals most urgent because only way nullify Japan's advantage of central position and ability strike
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2—Chungking.

SEPARATELY AT ENCIRCLING DEMOCRACIES ALSO BECAUSE PRESTIGE
UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND SETBACKS OF FIRST DAYS WILL BADLY
DAMAGE PRESTIGE UNLESS ALLIED ACTION CREATES IMPRESSION
EFFICIENT TEAMWORK.

OMITA.
CURRIE.

British have asked for one regiment Burma but have admitted us to no confidence. General Brett most welcome here especially if authorized press British for real cooperation. Would appreciate support your end.

OMITA.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

RCA via RCA

F Chungkong 46 scde CH Govt Etat December 21 1941

Currie

The White House

GROCO accompanying Brett arriving here tomorrow.

Yesterday AVH shot down four out of twelve bombing planes

raiding Kunming. AVH losses nil. Regards.

SEGAC

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The White House
Washington

WB128 VIA RCA

F CHUNGKING 46 CDE Dec 1, 1620

Currie

WHITE HOUSE

Groco Accompanying Brett arriving here tomorrow (stop) yesterday AVH shot down four out of twelve bombing planes raiding Kunming (stop) AVH losses nil (stop) Regards

Segac

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Dec 23
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB94 318 CDE VIA RCA

CHUNGKING DEC. 21, 1941

CURRIE:

WHITE HOUSE.

Noticeable Chinese deflationary trend beginning supported by
British economic adviser. American member stabilization board
who recent appointed advise finance ministry strongly opposes this
tenegdf because would undermine Chinese production weaken whole
democratic war effort stop He needs Washington support
and favors Washington proposal for receipt big treasury loan to
China of five hundred million specificational to meet internal problems
stop Was to have brought data and suggestions by self if had
succeeded reaching America stop New war economic political
situation makes loan even more urgent necessary now than before
eighth December because China now virtually deprived external
supplies also big psychological economic move required offset
serious prestige damage early Pacific setbacks stop Part of loan
could absorb basis of bond issues which with American backing
should prove attractive to Chinese public subscription stop Bonds
could allow obtaining exchange through stabilization board
at favorable rate after specified period to attract those interested
in commodities and China's future reconstruction stop
Another part could be allocated small loans to increase agricultural and industrial production stop if you should need more data to secure loan propose communicate prompt regular channels American stabilization member who can then provide formal statement stop He prefers send first communication through me because American ambassador opposes loan idea inclined deflationary policy stop Personal from political angle strongly oppose endorsement loan necessary stop pooling democratic forces Far East where China has hitherto carried burden stop Chinese government reluctant now take initiative ask for loan but personally agree with advice Washington should immediately make offer because with continued economic deterioration deflationary trend will continue with disastrous effect unless countered by American action and loan.

OMITa.
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The White House
Washington

WB82WUKI 77  11:30 P.M.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27, 1941

CURRIE:

First raid December 23 AVG third squadron at Rangoon lost two pilots two aeroplanes in combat four more aeroplanes damaged stop shot down six enemy planes stop second raid sixty bombers eighteen fighters attacked stop our losses two pilots two planes missing three more planes damaged stop shot down thirteen fighters four bombers.

SEGAC.
CHUNGKING, DECEMBER 28, 1941

CURRIE, WASHINGTON.

PLEASE ADVISE WHEN AIR ROUTES OPEN UP AND YOU CAN OBTAIN PRIORITY AS GENERALISSIMO CONSIDERS MY RETURN SOON ADVISABLE, BECAUSE NOW HAVE SIX MONTHS CONTINUOUS EXPERIENCE AND CAN PRESENT FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL INTERPRETATION WITHOUT WHICH MILITARY ECONOMY NEEDS EASILY MISUNDERSTOOD.

OMITA
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The White House
Washington

FA183wukl 326 RCA 10:50 P.M.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28, 1941

CURRIE:

DECEMBER 18 BURMA AUTHORITIES SEIZED TULSA CARGO STOP MAGRUDER

UNDoubtedly FULLY INFORMING WAR DEPARTMENT STOP GENERALISSIMO'S

IMMEDIATE REACTION VERY STRONG PROMPTLY DECIDED RECALL ALL CHINESE

PERSONNEL BURMA HOWEVER OWING FALL HONGKONG SHOWING HOPELESS BRITISH

UNPREPAREDNESS AND GENERALISSIMO'S DETERMINATION CHINA SHALL SET

EXAMPLE UNSELFISH COOPERATION BETWEEN______________________ HAS ACTUALLY

ORDERED AVG REINFORCEMENTS BURMA ALTHOUGH GROCO WHOSE OPINION HIGHLY

VALUED WARNS BRITISH GROUND PREPARATIONS AIR DEFENSE UTTERLY INADEQUATE

FIELDS POOR WARNING SYSTEM INCOMPETENT NIGHT RAIDERS EASY NIGHT DEFENSE

IMPOSSIBLE STOP HAS ALSO AUTHORIZED TRANSFER PRACTICALLY ALL LEASE

LEND MATERIALS REQUESTED BY BRITISH BUT ASKED MAGRUDER WARN

BRITISH VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ANY______________________ BUNGLING

HIGHHANDEDNESS STOP MAGRUDER'S ATTITUDE PROTECTING CHINA'S INTERESTS

EXCELLENT BUT Earnestly Urge you USE WASHINGTON PRESSURE ON BRITISH

STOP ROOT TROUBLE IS THEIR INCOMPETENT ARROGANT AND PANIC COLONIAL

AND MILITARY OFFICIALS THEREFORE GREATEST DANGER FURTHER UNPARDONABLE

BLUNDERS UNLESS AMERICAN PRESSURE FORCES______________________ CHINA NOT EXTENSION

THEIR COLONIAL EMPIRE STOP FURTHERMORE NECESSARY START PUMPING REAL

ECONOMIC MILITARY AID INTO CHINA WHERE OTHERWISE DESPITE GENERALISSIMO'S

EFFORTS CREATE MAINTAIN REAL INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT IMPRESSION
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The White House
Washington

WILL SPREAD BRITON AMERICAN PREPARED EXACT UTMOST CHINESE SACRIFICE
WITHOUT REAL RECIPROCATION STOP PLANES ESPECIALLY CRUCIAL STOP
REGARDLESS BRITISH DEMANDS ONLY EFFECTIVE STRATIFICATION ANSWER
IS BOMBERS WITH FIGHTER ESCORT BASED YUNNAN BOMBING INDO-CHINA
PORTS COMMUNICATIONS STOP FOR YUNNAN FRONT LIGHT BOMBERS QUITE
Adequate stop if DETAILS Burma situation needed please wire
SEGAC suggests you acquaint T. V. foregoing.

OMITA.
TELEGRAM

FA76 RCA 247

The White House
Washington
CHUNGKING January 1 1941

Currie
The White House

Burma authorities removing Lend-Lease cargo Daystar and Luisilykes.

Generallissimo protested British Ambassador conduct British authorities

unlike friendly Allies but consistently indicates settled policy

fixed attitude, refusing admit any essential Chinese British equality.

This furnishes enemy with deadliest propaganda everywhere in Asia.

Chinese people have fought long years for national freedom and equality.

Chinese public opinion unerringly interprets repeated British acts as

refusal admit Chinese liberty equal to causes for which Britain fighting

and as more to be expected from enemy than from Ally. Interference

Chinese lease-lend material revealing complete indifference toward

weakening China's ability resist common enemy. Should China eventually

unable cooperate British must bear entire responsibility. Had it not

been for fall of Hongkong and danger to Burma front Generallissimo would

have withdrawn all Chinese personnel from Burma, but instead he actually

sent extra squadron A.V.G. Rangoon. In view all above Generallissimo

characterizes later and repeated British behavior as ungrateful and

asks immediate assurances British will put situation in right and guar­

antee no repetition. All above also communicated Magruder. Generallissi­

mosattitude very firm. Please inform T.V. Soong.

(Completed 2:15 pm Jan 2)

OMITa.
TELEGRAM

WB42 324 VIA RCA

The White House
Washington

CHUNGKING, JANUARY 3, 1942

Currie

The White House

Following additional my last telegram (stop) While Generalissimo's protest being presented British ambassador a letter from ambassador was received giving version of disposal of Tulsa cargo but not referring to Daystar and Luisilykes (stop) According British version Tulsa arrived late when raid threatened so governor of Burma ordered removal cargo to safety (stop) Governor refused suggestion place guards over Chinese equipment (quote) to prevent it being moved out of Burma until decision taken about its pooling (unquote) (stop)

On return to Burma from Chungking Wavell on strength Generalissimo's agreement in principle to transfer of certain material authorized British (quote) temporary use (unquote) 40 Chinese light antiaircraft and 100 Bren guns (stop) Otherwise no British (quote) borrowing (unquote) any Chinese property except a few trucks (quote) uses temporarily (unquote) (stop) Translation Ambassador's letter being sent YUFEIPENG Rangoon because British Chinese versions do not tally (stop) Generalissimo's main contention is that even if British intentions are as represented methods employed are indefensible (stop)
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Even British version reveals no consultation of Chinese representatives
much less requesting of permission (stop) Fundamental question

\[ \text{THIS} \]

\[ \text{PATIENCE (?)} \] cannot
be remedied by protests through British ambassador whose position
authority unsuitable (stop) Essential British should match American
attitude of cordial equality and American pressure or even comments
could secure this (stop) While attitude unchanged incidents bound
occur but with changed attitude all organization details could be
smoothly adjusted (stop) Please inform T. V. to whom Generalissimo
sending verbatim his protest to British ambassador.

OMIT A

(completed 4:36 AM January 4)
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

CHUNGKING JANUARY 4 1942

Currie

White House

Greatly appreciate advance information regarding President's attitude toward seizure. Official message just received. Personally agree with expeditious (?) advantages of induction AVG into U. S. forces. Written conditions handed Magruder. Did not include requests for air (?) continued inactive (?) support and continuance modified lend lease air program because your telegram received afterward. Magruder demurred addition such requests to our AVG membership (?) on ground they would be separately recognized (?) in Washington. Requests therefore made to Magruder in separate letter. Have strongly recommended Groco head U. S. air units. Groco prefers AVG under present status but will come Chungking for further discussion upon recovery illness. Regards

Segac

(completed 853p January 4)
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The White House

Chungking January 4 1942

Currie

The White House

Use of lend-lease material by Chinese forces in Burma minor
consideration and question has not yet even come up as Chinese
forces as requested by British only three regiments. Main problem
still unimpeded delivery of material to China. Understand STOWE
published strong criticism Chinese authorities in Burma and on
Burma road. My information from British source is British
incompetence confusion in Burma hard to exaggerate

OMITA

(Completed 512p January 4)
Negotiation of loan now on basis of schedule of particulars would spoil whole effect. Generalissimo opposed to combined loan with British because their attitude remains essentially one of colonial loan. Ten days ago Generalissimo discussed loan of 100 million Sterling with British but they raised doubts and restrictions showing utter incomprehension of difference between financial and political loan. Moreover their present attitude is not conducive to meeting the urgent military and economic requirements of China promptly.

Generalissimo now convinced American loan must come first and separately setting standard for British. Only possible method is 500 million loan purely political with no restrictions or conditions at least as broad and generous in terms and conception as lend lease. Despite political nature of loan its proceeds would be specifically employed for prosecution of war in Chinese areas. Before December 8 Generalissimo had determined to shorten fighting front and reduce standing army from 5,300,000 to 2,800,000 as only way to cut this year's budget. Measure was to have been initiated in February, carried out by June. This was the only way of preventing economic collapse while continuing war and even so a loan would have been necessary. This whole approach now impossible because of
MANPOWER OBLIGATIONS OF JOINT FRONT WITH DEMOCRACIES. THEREFORE NEW MEASURES IMPERATIVE WHICH MUST REPRESENT NOT FINANCIAL TRANSACTION BUT WHOLEHEARTED CONFIDENCE AND MUTUAL AID BETWEEN ALLIES. GENERALISSIMO POINTS OUT THAT FIRST OUTBREAK PACIFIC WAR RAISED HOPES OF CHINESE PUBLIC FOR QUICK RELIEF FROM STRAIN OF OVER FOUR YEARS SINGLEHANDED WAR. THEN INITIAL ALLIED REVERSSES THREW ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON CHINA. CHANG SHA VICTORY HAS GREATLY RELIEVED STRAIN, BUT EVENTUALLY WILL INCREASE AGAIN UNLESS AMERICAN SUPPORT FRESHLY DEMONSTRATED. GENERALISSIMO HAS ALREADY ORGANIZED AND INITIATED MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, BUT NEEDS POLITICAL LOAN TO IMPLEMENT AND GIVE THEM FULL EFFECT. GENERALISSIMO IS PREPARED APPEAL DIRECT TO PRESIDENT IF NECESSARY.

THIS MESSAGE IS TO PREPARE GROUND AND ENABLE YOU ADVISE PRESIDENT.

AMERICAN ECONOMIC ADVISOR TRANSMIT MESSAGE FROM D. O. KANG TO SECRETARY OF TREASURY (?) IN DAY OR TWO. ADVISE REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION IMPORTANT.

OMITA

COMPLETED 1000A JAN 8
Chungking, January 8, 1942

CURRIE

MESSAGE FROM GROCO (QUOTE) FOLLOWING HAVE TERMINATED THEIR CONTRACTS AS OF DATES: TNHIG_AKEDSMITHGEORGEF (STOP) CHIEF ADMINISTRATION DECEMBER THIRTEENTH FULLER HENRYW (STOP) INSTRUCTOR DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST STUBBSGAILLINSTRUCTOR DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST UNQUOTE ALSO QUOTE INSTRUCTOR MABION BAGH WAS KILLED IN ACCIDENTAL CRASH JANUARY THIRD WHILE FERRYING RADIO OPERATOR NEAR KUNMING PASSENGER INJURED BUT NOT FATALLY UNQUOTE

SEGAC
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

JANUARY 10, 1942

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

AVG already transported portion of spare parts from Calcutta. No information yet regarding Karachi cargo. Henceforth please address all supplies AVG Kunming facilitating identification and delivery. AVG hopefully awaiting replacements airplanes

SEGAC

1042A
CHUNGKING, Jan. 12, 1941

CURRIE

Generalissimo sending Fox to Washington regarding loan stop. He is starting with Omita January thirteenth for Calcutta stop. Will you please arrange transportation.

SEGAC.

Completed at 5:15 p.m.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

CHUNGKING 2325 January 15 1942

CURRIE
White House

Following from GROCO (quote) Please ask CURRIE if AVG should establish office and arrange for assembly or service new airplanes and equipment arriving Calcutta or ask United States Army will handle these matters stop also estimated date when first lot new airplanes will reach Calcutta stop will heavy bulky supplies continue be shipped Rangoon as air transport must be used to move such from Calcutta to Kunming (end quote)

SEGAC

Completed 550p January 15
TELEGRAM

FB206 via RCA

The White House
Washington

CHUNGKING January 16 1942

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

Following from GROCO quote Second squadron Rangoon reported
A.V.G. destroyed nine Japanese air-planes, lost one pilot and
one plane on January 7. On January 7 -2- nine P-40's supported by
six R.A.F., Brewsters raided Japanese base and destroyed 24 air-
planes, three trucks, and strafed troops. On January 7 pilot
landed damaged air-plane at night, ran off runway and collided
with motor car killing another pilot. Second squadron has now
lost the following pilots: Flight Leader C. D. Moot missing K-
T-Merwitz killed accidentally quote ---- Please inform T.V.-----
Also quote replying Currie's cable present status is: air-planes
in commission today 48, planes slightly damaged 12, badly damaged
16, totally destroyed 23. Most urgent needs are propeller blades,
landing gear struts, wings and COOLANT tanks. I can train Chinese
pilots on new air-planes in China provided I have full and com-
plete authority over training. Need six trained staff officers
for A.V.G., now. Required trained pilots for training of Chinese
group. Suggest that first Chinese group be returned to Chinese
control after training as I can have close cooperation for tac-
tical operations. If this proves unsatisfactory I will undertake
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

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Operational control of second group. Can maintain volunteer pursuit group in China on nine hundred tons per month all supplies including fuel, ammunition, minor spare parts, food and clothing. Many thanks for new air-planes, pilots spare parts. We will do our best with them. Will group remain volunteer unit for duration?

Unquote

SEGAC.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

CHUNGKING January 17 1942

CURRIE,

WHITE HOUSE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS CIST OF GENERALISSIMO'S
REPLY TO T. V. SOONG CONCERNING LOAN PROPOSAL SUGGESTED BY
SECRETARY MORGENTHAU APPROVED BY PRESIDENT AND SENT THROUGH
T. V., GENERALISSIMO. PROPOSAL IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE FOR FOL-
LOWING REASONS:

1. IT REDUCES CHINESE ARMY TO STATUS OF MERCENARIES AND
   WOULD BE RESISTED BY ARMY AND PEOPLE AND WOULD INEVITABLY
   RESULT IN A SPLIT BETWEEN THEM.

2. IT WOULD THROW MILITARY FACTOR ON THE ONE HAND AND THE
   POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS ON THE OTHER HAND COMPLETELY OUT
   OF BALANCE AND WOULD LEAD IMMEDIATELY TO UNCONTROLLABLE INFLATION
   THEREBY CAUSING INTOLERABLE HARDSHIPS ON ALREADY HARASSED PEOPLE.
   
3. ABOVE ALL CHINA'S CONTINUED RESISTANCE DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON
   MILITARY STRENGTH BUT ALSO ON STABILIZATION OF ECONOMIC FOUNDATION.

GENERALISSIMO CONFIDENT PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY MORGENTHAU WOULD
UNDERSTAND THAT LOAN TO CHINA COMES UNDER THE PROGRAM OF POOLING
OF COMMON RESOURCES AND WOULD STABILIZE CHINA'S CREDIT AND ECONOMY
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

CHUNGKING JANUARY 17 1942

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

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REPLY TO T. V. SOONG CONCERNING LOAN PROPOSAL SUGGESTED BY
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3. IT WOULD DESTABILIZE STEADY IN ARMY.

4. ABOVE ALL CHINA'S CONTINUED RESISTANCE DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON MILITARY STRENGTH BUT ALSO ON STABILIZATION OF ECONOMIC FOUNDATION.

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SO THAT THE MILITARY FACTOR MAY BE GIVEN FULL DISPLAY.

FOR THIS REASON THE LOAN SHOULD BE MADE WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED SEEING THAT AMERICA HAS CONFIDENCE IN CHINA'S ABILITY TO USE IT IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY TO ATTAIN OUR COMMON VICTORY ESPECIALLY AS CHINA HAS DEMONSTRATED HER CAPABILITY TO PULL HER OWN WEIGHT FOR FOUR AND A HALF YEARS.

INCIDENTALLY DESIRED LOAN IS FOR LESS THAN WHAT CHINA HAS ALREADY EXPENDED IN THE PAST TO ENABLE DEMOCRATIC POWERS HAVE TIME TO PREPARE THEIR DEFENSES; INCIDENTALLY ALSO THIS LOAN ONLY REPRESENTS LESS THAN TWO PER CENT OF AMERICA'S WAR BUDGET.

GENERALISSIMO FEELS THAT ANY LOAN SOLELY BY AMERICA LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED MILLIONS WOULD NOT SOLVE CHINA'S IMMEDIATE CRITICAL PROBLEMS AND HENCE OF NO USE.

PENDING FOX'S ARRIVAL GENERALISSIMO DESIRES NO FURTHER NEGOTIATION. HE AND DR. KUNG FEEL CERTAIN THAT AFTER SECRETARY SEES FOX HE WILL UNDERSTAND CHINA'S PRESENT POSITION AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. WE HAVE ACQUAINTED FOX WITH ALL NECESSARY DETAILS, FACTS AFFECTING CHINA'S MILITARY, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL SITUATIONS AND MORE ESPECIALLY PSYCHOLOGY OF THE PEOPLE IN RELATION TO LOAN.

SEGAC.

FINISHED 405PM/D
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

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CHUNGKING, JAN. 19, 1942

CURRIE

Received following information from GROCO quote four pilots third squadron intercepted three Jap bombers near Mengtsz January seventeenth shot down two third crashed at Malipo, Yunnan making the score one hundred percent unquote please advise T. V.

Segac

Completed 542PM
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

F CHUNGKING, JAN 18, 1942

CURRIE:

ALTHOUGH GENERALISSIMO Repeatedly made offer through DENCYS and later WAVELL to send two Chinese army corps reinforce Burma force offer was declined on grounds that Burma only needs three regiments stop These regiments now sent to KENG-TUNG while offered army corps despatched China fronts.

SEGAC.

Completed 9:12 p.m.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

F CHUNGKING JANUARY 23 1942

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

Your suggestion that loan might come under Lend-Lease is marvelous brain wave. For Year Forty-Two military budget is Nine billion six hundred million FAPI equivalent approximately five hundred million American dollars. Total budget amount to Seventeen billion three hundred million FAPI exclusive construction Sadya-Sichang road.

SEGAC

completed 1038AM/D
The White House
Washington

F CHUNGKING JANUARY 23 1942

SURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

Received following from Groco. Four pilots of Second squadron shot down one Japanese bomber near Tavoy, Burma January 19. We suffered no damage. On January 20, Second squadron protected six R.A.F., bombers in raid on Japanese aircraft at Meshot, Siam.

In combat with Japanese pursuits we shot down two definitely and two more probably, all Type 97. Our loss one plane, pilot safe. End quote

SEGAC

Completed 11:28 AM/D
Chungking, January 25, 1942

Currie,
Washington.

According latest information one regiment belonging ninety third division already arrived Mongyang, Burma. Two more regiments on way to Mongyang and expected arrive there in three more days. Forty ninth division on border at (Wanting)? and ready to start whenever required.

Segac.

2:10 P.M.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB67WUKI VIA RCA.

F, CHUNGKING, JAN. 26, 1942

CURRIE,

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

AVG supported Chinese bomber attack Japan Sea January 23 without loss or damage. Excellent co-operation with bomber squadron. Two waves Japanese bombers supported by fighters attempted raid Rangoon January 23. AVG with aid of few RAF fighters shot down 22 enemy planes and turned bombers back before reaching objective. AVG losses: One pilot killed, three airplanes crashed and seven damaged severely by gunfire. Please advise TV.

SEGAC.

Completed 3:00 a. m., Jan. 26, 1942 (EST)
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

Chungking, January 26, 1942

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

Following from Groco "Replying Currie's cable. 30 blades received from Calcutta. Induction AVG into army will have bad effect. British very anxious use our units but will not supply replacement of losses. They have failed to prepare necessary facilities for air unit squadrons. Other relations satisfactory. Can continue volunteer unit without new staff officers but need at least three. Requests following list of parts by air to Calcutta.

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(UNQUOTE)

SEGAC

Completed 9:20pm January 26
MEMO FOR DR. CURRIE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

The code groups for the underlined words were slightly scrambled, but we believe the words listed are correct because in each case only one letter was incorrect.

In the list of items all the figures have been checked carefully, especially the "Number Required" column.

In item 22 the dashes in the "Number Required" and "Unit" columns were put in to let you know we had not left out any figures. Also in this item the word "wedge-on" was transmitted: wedge hyphen on

The White House Telegraph Office
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB55 101 Via RCA

Chungking, 2200, January 29 1942

CURRIE
WHITE HOUSE

Following from GROCO (quote) can begin attacks on Japan's industries at once if you can send regular or volunteer bombardment group equipped with Lockheed-Hudson as specified by me in June 1941 and American key personnel to operate under my command and control of Generalissimo only (unquote) also (quote) in combat with Japanese pursuit near Rangoon yesterday we shot down three fighters but lost Flight Leader L. Hoffman, Killed (unquote)

Segac

Completed 200p January 29
The White House
Chungking, January 31 1942

Currie
The White House

FOLLOWING FROM GROCO "AVG URGENTLY NEEDS 800 EACH OF PISTOL RINGS NUMBERS THREE SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN EIGHT, THREE FOUR ONE THREE SIX AND THREE FOUR ONE THREE SIX: ALL FOR ALLISON ENGINE NUMBER V1620-C15-21"

Segac

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(LAST FIGURES 21 COULD BE 28. AFTER CONFIRMATION)

21 OK
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB21 98 VIA RCA

CHUNGKING, 2030, FEBRUARY 2 1942

CURR IE
WHITE HOUSE

Two Tuans or regiments now in Burma. Third Tuan still on border waiting to move in when British supplies available. British now asking for another division. Generalissimo feels that sending troops piecemeal and haphazard is useless hence insisting that sector or portion of line be given to Chinese troops to defend otherwise impossible take responsibility. Chinese public opinion toward British policy performance growing increasingly unfavorable. Extremely difficult offset tendency

SEGAC

119p
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

CHUNGKING, 1900, FEBRUARY 2 1942

CURRIE

THE WHITE HOUSE

PILOT THOMAS J. COLE SECOND PURSUIT SQUADRON KILLED JANUARY 31 WHILE ON RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT OVER ENEMY LINES NEAR MOULMEIN BURMA PLEASE ADVISE T. V.

SEGAC

1058A
WB34 VIA RCA 36

F, CHUNGKING, FEB. 4, 1942

CURRIE:

Please address wires to us both as follows SEGAC, care Viceroy,
DELHI, INDIA, FOR next fortnight or until further notice.

SEGAC.

3:22 P.M.
2/3/42.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

CALCUTTA February 6 1942 3:55PM.

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

Following from GROCO quote greatly appreciate your motive in sending wire because China's interest is of paramount importance. But I do not believe Bissell can handle situation out here. He is very headstrong and has always differed with me in regard to pursuit tactics.

Suggest Lawrence, Hickey, or M. F. Harnoy., unquote.

SEGAC

11:00 A.M. Feb 7
New Delhi, February 10, 1942 - Received 9:20 a.m. Feb. 11 -

Currie:

Reply your wire February 3 despatched from Calcutta February 7.

Have you received it, Segac.

Madame Didier-Knishek.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

New Delhi, February 13, 1942

Currie,
Washington.

All telegrams received. Groco told me confidentially when I passed through Yunnan on fourth that if he had to work under Bissell he would resign. I can only tease situation by personal interview with him when I return shortly. Conferences now proceeding with British regarding Assam Road. Prospects favorable.

Segac.

Madame Chiang.

10:30 A.M.
New Delhi 1910 February 15 1942

Currie

White House

Just found out your telegrams to Groco owing to necessity of taking devious routes require infinite time suggest you send messages to him through T. V. during my absence from China

Segac

610p
Kunming, February 22, 1942

Currie.

Send all telegrams here. Stop. Seeing Groco?

Segac.
TELEGRAM
P028.240 CHGovt
(PASNY)

The White House
Washington

KUNMING February 23 1942

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

Result long conference with Groco. He feels that he has fulfilled pledge to bring competent group and train them here, hence he is willing to withdraw and let Bissell or any other Army appointee take over. (Stop) He emphasizes success of A.V.G., due largely to unity of command and non-interference with his tactics (stop). After further consideration he firmly believes that neither he nor Chinese officers can work harmoniously under Bissell because of latter's high-handed methods and way of accomplishing objectives (stop) but if necessary he would welcome Bissell as his adviser (if such step would facilitate equipment (stop).)

In air battle yesterday over Bilin river Burma eight A.V.G. planes met forty Japanese fighters (stop) A.V.G. shot down five, drove rest away without loss to themselves (stop).

Regarding pilots, six have been sent Burma, six more leaving tomorrow (stop) No ferry command plane available Calcutta and no direct communication with ferry command in Cairo (stop) unable to send more pilots from A.V.G. Due tactical needs (stop) Where are Colonel Dawson and pursuit pilots previously promised A.V.G. 11:15 am Feb 24/21

SEGAC
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

W10PO AB 113 CDE Chinese Gvt

KUNMING 1400 Feb. 25, 1942

Gurrie:

Regarding Assam Burma Road Ledo to Lungling via Putao comma
Myitkyina, Atengchung already (planned). If British authorities
could commence construction immediately at India and Burma sections
simultaneously with Chinese section Road would complete within six
months. (Stop) Road between Imphal and Kalewa being constructed
British authorities hope to be completed before May. (Stop)

Segac

4:20 p.m.
Kunming, March 2, 1942 - 1615

Currie, Washington.


One third of Fifth army, two thirds of Sixth armies in Burma. British now request rest of these armies but owing lateness of request and beastly lack of transportation difficult to acceede. Generalissimo left here today for Lashio because he insists British stick to original proposition that Chinese be solely responsible for part section.

Segac.

2:00 P.M.
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

F Chungking, Mar. 20, 1942

CURRIE

Two pilots A.V.G. March 18th surprised Japanese planes at Moulmein and auxiliary field at dawn stop nine 97 fighters four bombers two transports burned several other planes riddled with bullets stop entire squadron protected British retreat northward along Toungoo road during afternoon stop

Stillwell just returned from Burma stop so long as question of command joint forces not satisfactorily settled future will be very difficult stop fifth and sixth armies now there stop Burmese population actively assisting Japanese against British and whole territory honeycombed with fifth columnists stop pity when Generalissimo offered in December to send troops which could have done liaison work Wavell rejected offer stop our visit to India very satisfactory writing details stop squadron leader R. J. Sandell killed in accidental crash at Rangoon Feb. 7. Please inform T.M. of last item.

SEGAC.
The White House
Washington

Mar 26, 1942

CURRIE:

Following from Groco quote A.V.G. becoming ineffective due to exhaustion, equipment and personnel stop Group borne brunt of defense Rangoon Burma Yunnan stop Initially expected group to endure one month but held on over three months because successful efforts of Youngling and Minister Soong to send spare parts by air stop. Personnel replacement now equally serious as equipment stop. Have great opportunity now if can get new airplanes command 30 pilots and 50 ground crew quickly. Could you transfer men and equipment needed from U.S. Air Corps group now arriving Karachi stop? Latter group cannot become effective under three months while A.V.G. most effective stop. Is induction A.V.G. still desired even if destruction of group results? Please advise fully unquote Saw Bissell yesterday stop Chennault wires me desiring come Chungking after talk with Stilwell which evidently not satisfactory stop. Shall do everything persuade Chennault accept gain but result uncertain.

Segac.

Completed 1:50 A.M.
WB39FV RADIO

CHUNGKING MARCH 29 1941

Currie

WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

Doctor: KUNG wishes me to thank you for your successful efforts on behalf of the loan. Generalissimo, myself deeply appreciate your unflagging interest in and staunch friendship for China.

SEGAC.

COMPLETED 4:00 P.M.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB23 V+A RCA

CHUNGKING 47 CDE APRIL 2 1942

Currie:

YESTERDAY AFTER HOUR'S CONFERENCE WITH STILLWELL, BISSELL, GROCO, MAGRUDER, FINAL DECISION REACHED INDUCT A.V.G'S. FORMAL INDUCTION JULY 4. MEANWHILE, EVERY EFFORT MAINTAIN EFFICIENCY UNIT. THANK HEAVENS. INFORM T.V.

SEAGAC.

4:22 P.M.
RCA 34 CDE

CHUNGKING APRIL 4 1942 FILED 1730

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

LETTER THROUGH DAVIS RECEIVED. BRITISH ALREADY WITHDRAWN ALL PLANES FROM BURMA TO HUEICHOW WHILE AVG RETAINING SQUADRON LOI-WING.

SEGAC.

FV/5:55 P.M.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB2Orca kI 216

F CHUNGKING, APR 12, 1942

CURRIE:

Generalissimo myself returned yesterday from Cayenne Front stop situation there unspeakably dangerous with complete disorganization both front and rear collapse Civil Administration breakdown communication population panicky resulting utmost confusion inefficiency everywhere stop no fighting morale apparent on part of government or people stop British seem hopeless helpless while Burmese people antagonistic and countryside honeycombed with Fifth Columnists stop wherever bombing occurred corpses men animals unremoved and exposed to hordes flies stop with extreme heat prevailing I greatly fear cholera other epidemic for our troops now entering districts stoolpigeon railways congested by bombed cars debris etcetera hence caused delay our reinforcements reaching necessitating our withdrawal there stop wires cut remain unrepaired for days stop Generalissimo told Alexander if such conditions obtained in China heads would have been chopped off stop Chinese army fighting gallantly against overwhelming obstacles but must have immediate large scale air support of hundreds of planes otherwise our sacrifices useless and impossible hold on.

SEGAB.
WB19 VIA RCA

F. CHUNGKING 62 SCDE APRIL 17 1942

CURRIE

THE WHITE HOUSE.

CHENNAULT IN BURMA HENCE DELAY CONTACTING HIM.

BRITISH IN BURMA HAVE AGAIN WITHDRAWN FROM POSITION

THUS EXPOSING OUR RIGHT FLANK ALSO THEY NOTIFIED US AS

OIL FIELDS DESTROYED UNABLE IN FUTURE SUPPLY CHINESE

ARMY WITH PETROLEUM FOR TRANSPORTATION BOTH FRONT

AND REAR.

SEGAC

9:34 A.M.
FEW DAYS AGO IN REPLY TO GENERALISSIMO'S INQUIRY WAR DEPARTMENT THROUGH BISSELL STATED THAT NO LEASE-LEND PLANES NEEDED FOR CHINA CAN OR WILL BE GIVEN TO THIRD PARTY REGARDLESS PRESSURE WITHOUT GENERALISSIMO'S CONSENT. BUT TODAY BISSELL PRESENTED WAR DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM PURPORTING THAT ASIDE FROM MAINTAINING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AVG FULL STRENGTH CONSISTING EIGHTY PLANES IT INTENDS DIVERT REMAINING PURSUITS ORIGINALLY MEANT FOR CHINA THROUGH LEASE-LEND TO U.S. TENTH AIR FORCE FOR PROTECTION INVASION NORTHEAST INDIA AND AVOID RISK OF DESTRUCTION OF BRITISH EASTERN NAVY. BELIEVE YOU SHOULD KNOW GENERALISSIMO SHOCKED AT SUGGESTION SINCE IN HIS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT HE URGED IMMEDIATE DISPATCH THREE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL PLANES SUPPORT CHINESE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. GENERALISSIMO MOST FORCEFULLY OPPOSES WAR DEPARTMENT MOVE AND EXPRESSED HIGHHANDED TO BISSELL AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST, CHINESE NATION HAS WAITED PATIENTLY ANXIOUSLY FOR ARRIVAL PLANES FOR OVER YEAR WHILE CHINESE ARMY ALREADY DISGRUNTLED BECAUSE SINCE FORMATION AVG ALL PLANES SENT TO PROTECT RANGOON AND BURMA INSTEAD REINFORCING CHINA FRONTS.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

IF THEREFORE LEASE-LEND PLANES DIVERTED TO TENTH GROUP
PEOPLE AND ARMY WILL FEEL THEMSELVES ROBBED OF WIDOW'S MITE AND
WILL CERTAINLY RESENT NOT BEING TREATED AS WORTHY ALLY WHO HAS
UNSTINTEDLY GIVEN ALL TO COMMON CAUSE.

SECOND, IF PLANES NECESSARY TO DEFEND INDIA ETCETERA
WHY NOT TAKE FROM LOTS ASSIGNED TO RUSSIA OR GREAT BRITAIN WHO
ARE RECEIVING THOUSANDS FROM AMERICA INSTEAD FROM PALTRY FEW
DESIGNATED FOR CHINA.

THIRD, CHINESE ARMY AND PEOPLE ARE ASKING WITH ALL AID FROM
AMERICA WHAT HAS GREAT BRITAIN CONTRIBUTED TO ALLIED CAUSE.

PLEASE INFORM PRESIDENT OF GENERALISSIMO'S ATTITUDE.

TODAY BRITISH ARMY IN BURMA AGAIN RETREATED EVEN FROM MAGWE
AND ALL OIL FIELDS LOST.

SEGAC.

FV/ COMPLETED 8:00PM
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

CHUNGKING 353 ODE APRIL 19 1942

Currie:

Few days ago in reply to Generalissimo's inquiry War Department through Bissell stated that no lease-lend planes needed for China can or will be given to third party regardless pressure without Generalissimo's consent stop. But today Bissell present War Department memorandum purporting that aside from maintaining personnel and equipment A.V.G. full strength consisting eighty planes it intends divert remaining pursuits originally meant for China through lease-lend to U.S. Tenth air force for protection invasion Northeast India and avoid risk of destruction of British Eastern Navy. Stop Believe you should know CMO shocked at suggestion since in his message to President he urged immediate dispatch three hundred additional planes support Chinese expeditionary force. STOP. CMO most forcefully officers War Department move and expressed highhanded to Bissell as follows:

First, Chinese Nation has waited patiently anxiously for arrival planes for over year while Chinese Army already disgruntled because since Tenth A.V.G. all planes sent to protect Rangoon and Burma instead reinforcing China fronts. Stop. If therefore lease-lend planes diverted to Tenth group people and army will feel
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

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THIRD, CHINA ARMY AND PEOPLE ARE ASKING WITH ALL AID FROM AMERICA WHAT HAS GREAT BRITAIN CONTRIBUTED TO ALLIED CAUSE. STOP.

INFORM PRESIDENT OF GIs' ATTITUDE. STOP TODAY BRITISH ARMY IN BURMA AGAIN RETREATED EVEN FROM MAGWE AND ALL OIL FIELDS LOST.

Segab
CURRIE:

FOLLOWING INFORMATION GIVEN ME BY DOCTOR KUNG:

FIRSTLY- He has kept and intends to keep Treasury informed on all developments regarding loan, for instance he informed Adler who must have informed Treasury on plan for issuance of savings certificates and bonds on March 18th. He welcomes any advice Treasury is willing to give and any suggestions Secretary cares to make will of course be given every consideration.

SECONDARY- Respecting request for funds it was necessary to ask for transfer to Central Bank to reassure Chinese public that loan was being utilized without delay. This was best way to make it clear that loan was being employed to counteract inflation.

THIRDLY- Doctor Kung in investing in US Government bonds was actuated by desire to prevent loan to China from unduly conflicting Treasury financing. Previous loan agreements with China even stabilization agreements provide for investment of funds in US Government securities where possible.
 REGARDING INTEREST ABSURD TO THINK CHINA GRASPING IT WILL 
GO TO MEET PART OF MINISTRY'S OWN INTEREST CHARGES ON SAVINGS 
CERTIFICATES AND BONDS, HOWEVER WILLING TO DEFER TO YOUR JUDGEMENT 
ON AMERICAN PUBLIC'S POSSIBLE REACTIONS.

SEGAC.

COMPLETED 8:00PM/FV
The White House
Washington

F CHUNGKING, APRIL 22, 1942

CURRIE:

STILLWELL SENT ME FOLLOWING: QUOTE Chinese troops now withdrawing to north from Pyinmana area STOP Chinese 38th Division assisting British on I-Raw-Addy front STOP British failure east of Magwe to prevent Japanese break through is entire cause of Chinese withdrawal STOP Japanese break through resulted in capture of Yenan Yang oil fields and critical threat to Chinese rear via Kyaukpadane and road to northwest through Dyingan to Man-da-Lay STOP In addition to above a hole 40 miles wide been created between Kyaukpadung and Natmauk STOP Chinese troops filling this hole quickly as possible STOP Chinese Fifth Army was about to launch counter attack from Pyinmana with excellent chance success and British collapse came at most critical time STOP If other communiques are issued which might reflect on fighting efficiency of Chinese troops I FEEL YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOVE FACTS UNQUOTE.

YESTERDAY ONE REGIMENT CHINESE RESCUED 7,000 BRITISH SURROUNDED BY JAPANESE AT YENAN YANG OIL FIELDS STOP PLEASE INFORM TV.

THANKS FOR SEEING ARNOLD STOP RELAYING GROCOS MESSAGE STOP WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON REACTION MY NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE.

SEGAC.
Currie:

In view British press comments that Cripps Mission not failure but paving way for better British-India relations I think you should know gist letters and private telegram just received from Nehru and use information according your discretion quote position here undoubtedly worsened owing failure Cripps Mission and there is intense anti-British feeling, this heightened by ill treatment of Indian evacuees and refugees from Burma, Malaysia. Full stop. Cripps proposal meant no transfer of real power and even for defense we could not build up citizen-army which we considered essential. Stop. No compromise possible on these proposals. Full stop. Effective defense necessitates cooperation between state and people and coordination of their efforts. Full stop. This only possible under truly national government. Full stop. In spite of difficulties we are trying utmost create spirit of opposition to and resistance aggressor and invader but divorced from state effort this cannot be very effective en quote personal observation of non-cooperation and sabotage of Burmese in war effort Burma with consequent disruption of all civil administration and helplessness on part British Government heighten our anxiety regarding India of no fundamental solution forthcoming.

Segac.
CHUNGKING  MAY 6, 1942  FILED  2130

Currie

PLEASE INFORM OMITA GENERALISSIMO DESIRES HIM REMAIN AMERICA NEXT THREE FOUR MONTHS EMPHASIZE TO AMERICAN PEOPLE NECESSITY SUPPORT CHINA THEATER AND REGARD HER AS EQUAL PARTNER IN WAR AND PEACE.

SEGAC

COMPLETED FV/6:00PM
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

Chungking May 6, 1942

CURRIE:

Please inform General Marshall, Generalissimo has entire confidence in Stillwell who also well liked by our officers. (Stop) Burma situation cannot be otherwise since command rests in British instead Stillwell although British forces number ten thousand. (Stop) In long cable to President after Burma inspection GMO predicted what has now happened. (Stop) British staff inefficiency or negligence plus local conditions continue nullify Stillwell's efforts. (Stop) On Burma trip high ranking American officer told me British think war can be conducted by passing documents from department to department. (Stop) Alternate impossible ever depend British promises or statements for either their officers don't know or don't want to tell. (Stop) Everything has to be checked. (Stop) When British retreated Lashio they destroyed among other supplies three hundred thousands gallons gasoline although several weeks previous they officially notified us no more gasoline available for Chinese army. (Stop) AVG practically all sacrificed because no intelligence net in Burma despite practical pressure British defect.

Segac.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB49 70 VIA RCA

Chungking May 10 1942 2200

CURRIE:

White House, Washington, D.C.

Realize Secretary Henry L. Stimson's difficulties and would like lighten his burdens. Generalissimo accepts Secretary's promise replace non critical lease lend material and upon opening new road wishes you and T.V. consult with Secretary nature material outside of aviation equipment and items necessary for proposal training our troops in India suggested by Stilwell.

SEGAC
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

F. Chungking May 13, 1942

Currie
The White House.

Thanks for your letter April first just received. (STOP)
Your ardent interest and always vigorous support of all matters
connected with China help us realize how closely connected are
Chungking and Washington. (STOP) Your suggestion regarding
tentative lend lease agreement noted and I think can be carried
out. (STOP) A. V. G. yesterday attacked Gialome airdrome Hanoi burned
fifteen Japanese planes, damaged many others and many personnel
killed. (STOP) We lost one pilot. (STOP) Appreciate deeply
President’s kind offer facilitate my coming, date departure unfixed
as I must first tie-up many loose strings here.

Segac.

4:05 P.M.
WB56 25 VIA RCA SCDE

F. Chungking May 18 1942

Currie:

Telegram May 15 received. You are right. Sending important letter through Magruder.

SEGAC.

3:22 P.M.
WB44 105 VIA RCA

CHUNGKING MAY 23, 1942

CURRIE:

WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Morale of Army and people never lower during five year's of war as since fall of Burma. Three divisions escaped Japanese encirclement north of Myitkina but many amongst them died of starvation. Reactionaries here actively raising ugly heads making headway with anti-war propaganda. For first time since 1937 Chief pessimistic, admits situation dangerous. This for your confidential information because future extremely critical. Magruder taking you important letter.

SEGAC.
CHETAT EXPEDITE
WB46 CABLE VIA RCA 38

CHUNGKING MAY 31, 1942 FILED 2300

Currie

WHITE HOUSE

Owing critical situation in China Theater Generalissimo wiring
President request Hopkins come China for consultation. Would it
be feasible for you to come together. Reply immediately.

SEGAC.

completed 4:30PM MAY 30TH/FV
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB24KI 449

F, CHUNGKING, MAY 31, 1942

CURRIE:

RECENT RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM INDIA SHOWS INTERNAL SITUATION WORSENING STOP MAHATMA GANDHI LAUNCHING AROUND MIDDLE JUNE NON-VIOLENT NON-COOPERATION MOVEMENT AIMING AT COMPLETE BREAKDOWN ALL COMMUNICATIONS RAILWAYS PUBLIC UTILITIES TO OUST BRITISH RULE STOP MOVEMENT WILL BE STRONGER THAN ALL PREVIOUS ONES AND MORE THAN CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE STOP IF INDIA GOVERNMENT PUT GANDHI UNDER ARREST THIS WILL AROUSE ANGER OF WHOLE COUNTRY STOP HE WILL NOT HESITATE TO GO INTO FAST UNTO DEATH CAMPAIGN TO ATTAIN OBJECTIVE STOP IF HE DIES WHOLE INDIA WHICH WORSHIPS HIM AS GOD WILL PROBABLY RISE IN REVOLT STOP AT HIS WORD ALL VILLAGES ESPECIALLY CENTRAL INDIA WILL BE IN POSITION FRUSTRATE EXISTING WAR PLANS ACTIVITIES AND THUS AFFECT ENTIRE CAUSE UNITED NATIONS IN THIS PART ASIA STOP

RECENT LETTERS FROM NEHRU SHOW THAT DESPITE ALL HE CAN DO INTERNAL REVOLUTION BREWING AS ANTI-BRITISH FEELING GAINING MOMENTUM STOP HE THINKS ONLY WAY GAIN INDIAN PUBLIC SUPPORT OF WAR IS DECLARATION BY UNITED NATIONS OF INDIA INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION STOP HE WRITES QUOTE TIME IS PAST NOW WHEN SOME CLEVER FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO BRITISH AND INDIA CAN BE
DEVISED STOP POPULAR AS I AM WITH MY PEOPLE THERE IS SO MUCH ANTI-BRITISH FEELING NOW THAT I CANNOT POSSIBLY GET ANYTHING DONE WHICH IgNORES INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE SELF-DETERMINATION STOP BRITISH HAVE MADE LOT OF JINNAH AND HIS SEPARATIST TENDENCIES STOP IF THIS ATTITUDE CONTINUES SOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE STOP AT SAME TIME NO ONE WANTS BRITISH GOVERNMENT THROW JINNAH COMPLETELY OVERBOARD STOP LET THEM SAY THEY RECOGNIZE INDIAN INDEPENDENCE SELF-DETERMINATION AND LEAVE IT TO US SETTLE WITH EACH OTHER WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM THEM STOP REAL PROBLEM IS HOW TO MAKE OUR PEOPLE ENTHUSIASTIC FOR CAUSE STOP NO VAGUE PROMISES ASSURANCE POLITICAL OR DIPLOMATIC PHRASEOLOGY IS GOOD ENOUGH BUT SOMETHING THAT STRIKES AT ROOT OF PROBLEM UNQUOTE

PRIVATE MESSAGE FROM NEHRU DATED MAY 26 CONFIRMS THAT MAHATMA GANDHI INCREASINGLY BITTER AND DEMANDS BRITISH WITHDRAWAL FROM INDIA STOP CONGRESS ATTITUDE TOWARD GANDHI UNCERTAIN BUT MAHATMA GANDHI HIMSELF CAN POWERFULLY INFLUENCE MASS OPINION AND ANY STEP HE TAKES WILL HAVE FAR REACHING CONSEQUENCES STOP MAHATMA GANDHI'S ACTION MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT INTERNAL AND WAR SITUATION BUT MAHATMA GANDHI SEEMS RESOLVED STOP NEHRU SEEING MAHATMA GANDHI TO CLARIFY SITUATION.

SEGAC.

COMPLETED 6:40 A.M.
CHUNGKING JUNE 4, 1942 FILED 2330

CURRIE

FOR CMTA GENERALISSIMO HAS NOTED CONTENTS YOUR LETTERS THOROUGHLY
PYLE AND FOX. HE WISHES YOU CONTINUE YOUR PRESENT GOOD WORK IN
AMERICA FOR NEXT FEW MONTHS.

SEGAC.

COMPLETED 5:05PM/FV
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

VIA MACKAYRADIO
51MK 303 scde

CHENG TU JUNE 17, 1942 FILED 2250

Currie:

WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

Am on inspection trip with Generalissimo returning within ten days. Following gist of message from Nehru received just before departure Chungking. Mahatoma Gandhi undesirous precipitate matters or impede war effort and still determined resist Japanese aggression. Gandhi's views supported nation-wide he indignantly denies he has ever encouraged Japan. While grieving over Burma development adversely affecting Chinese effective help by Indian people impossible owing to British Government's policy. Unless British imperialistic policy changed radically even military effort impeled British soldiery antagonizing every group including Indian officers men. Gandhi considers immediate recognition Indian independence essential he is prepared to accept British as ally uninvolvery Indian subordination. He is perturbed at Indian Government's growing policy internments without trial differential treatment Indian refugees from Burma elsewhere unfair shifting large scale populations unproviding transportation or compensate such unfairness may necessitate disobedience. While Gandhi unintends starting big movement.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

SHEET #2

UNLESS BRITISH GOVERNMENT COMPELS HIM HE CANNOT REMAIN PASSIVE WHEN PEOPLE ARE SPIRITUALLY DEGRADED. GANDHI AND CONGRESS UNWISH IMPEDER BRITISH BUT UNABLE ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH BRITISH WAR EFFORT. BRITISH CONTINUED TREATMENT OF INDIA AS VASSAL PROVES GREAT BRITAIN OPPOSES INDIAN AND ASIATIC FREEDOM. INDIAN INDEPENDENCE ONLY WAY FOR UTILIZATION INDIA'S GREAT RESOURCES FOR CAUSE OF WORLD FREEDOM. GANDHI CONGRESS FULLY AGREE THIS POINT THOUGH DIFFERING SOME OTHERS THAT NO SOLUTION OF INDIA AND WORLD PROBLEM POSSIBLE EXCEPT ON BASIS OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE.

SEGAC.

COMPLETED FY/10PM
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

133 WORDS
WB106 CABLE VIA RCA

CHUNGKING JUNE 24/0100 1942

CURRIE
WHITE HOUSE

Just returned Chungking. Please transmit following to
Mrs. Fox. (stop) Generalissimo and I greatly distressed and
saddened to learn of Mister Fox's sudden death. We mourn with
you over his loss for he was a true friend of China and won our
admiration for his consistent adherence to his principles and
the courage with which he fought for them. Though he is no
longer with us his undefeatable spirit lives on. It may comfort
you to know that upon his return from America he spoke glowingly
of his affection and appreciation for you. I feel certain that
all of us who have known him will cherish his memory.

SEGAC.

COMPLETED FV/12:01AM
CHUNGKING JUNE 24/2200 1942

CURRIE:

WHITE HOUSE

HAVE NOT HEARD ANY MORE OF YOUR COMING SINCE YOUR WIRE OF SEVENTEENTH. EAGERLY AWAIT YOUR ARRIVAL FOR MANY PROBLEMS CAN ONLY BE DISCUSSED THROUGH PERSONAL CONFERENCE.

PLEASE WIRE DATE DEPARTURE.

SEGAC.
The White House
Washington

JUL 27 10 33 PM 1942

WB82 BN VIA RCA

F CDE CHUNGKING 22 CHGOVT 27 2100

CURRIE

WHITEHOUSE WASHINGTON DC

BOTH TELEGRAMS JUNE 26 RECEIVED. GENERALISSIMO WIRING T.V.

WELCOMING YOU COME IMMEDIATELY.

SEGAC
F, CHUNGKING, JUL 4, 1942

CURRIE:

If T. V. has not spoken yet to President regarding Indian problem Gandhi letter to Generalissimo etc please request President call him in for full information before your departure so that we may be advised what President considers best solution.

Segac.
F. Chungking, (China) July 4, 1942

Currie:

Urgent. If T.V. has not spoken yet to President regarding Indian problem, Gandhi letter to Generalissimo, etc., please request President call him in for full information before your departure so that we may be advised what President considers best solution.

Segac.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB46 187 VIARCA
CABLE

CHUNGKING SEPTEMBER 19, 1942

Currie
WHITE HOUSE

JUST RETURNED WITH GENERALISSIMO FROM NORTHWESTERN INSPECTION TOUR LASTING MONTH AND COVERING KANSU, NINGHSIA AND SHENSI PROVINCES. (STOP) WHILE GENERALISSIMO INSPECTED NORTHERN KANSU OILFIELDS I FLEW TO TIMWA (URUMCHI) VISIT SINKIANG GOVERNOR OFFICIALLY AS CHIEF'S REPRESENTATIVE STOP VISIT EXTREMELY IN FACT ACCOMPLISHED EVERYTHING POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY THAT WE HAD HOPED FOR STOP LOST EWE LAMB NOW DEFINITELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RETURNED LATAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOLD STOP U.S.S.R. ALSO SENDING NEW CONSUL GENERAL TO SINKIANG REPLACING FORMER INCUMBENT AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT NOW HAS SENT OFFICIAL FOREIGN COMMISSIONER STATIONED THERE (STOP)

THANKS FOR YOUR THREE CABLES SHALL ANSWER DEFINITELY REGARDING LATTIMORE SOON AS I HAVE OPPORTUNITY TALK TO CHIEF WHO IS NOW SWAMMED WITH MONTH'S ACCUMULATED WORK (STOP) PROBABILITY FAVORABLE.

SEGAC.

(SIGNATURE CAME) NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL

COMPLETED FV/12:05AM/19TH.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

F, CHUNGKING, Sept. 24, 1942

CURRIE

THE WHITE HOUSE.

CABLE TWENTY-SECOND INSTANT RECEIVED. GENERALISSIMO ALREADY
ISSUED ORDERS SEND TWENTY TO THIRTY THOUSAND TROOPS TO INDIA FOR
ARTILLERY TRAINING. STILWELL WORKING ON PLAN TRANSPORTING THEM
BY AIR. STILWELL'S ATTITUDE SEEMS IMPROVED UPON RETURN FROM INDIA.

PLEASE INFORM OMITA GENERALISSIMO GLADLY ACCEDES TO OMITA'S RE-
QUEST RELEASE LATTIMORE FOR NEW POST AND SUGGESTS ANNOUNCEMENT BE
MADE FROM CHUNGKING AFTER LATTER REACHES HERE.

SEGAC.

(SIGNED NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL)

12:30 A.M., SEPTEMBER 25, 1942, EWT.
The White House
Washington

Wb42 via rca 74

Chungking, October 12, 1942 2300

DR. CURRIE

The White House

I personally welcome possibility but Generalissimo definitely feels your greatest usefulness to both our countries especially at this critical time lies in Washington because through you he has direct access to President. (stop) If matter has proceeded too far and you find situation embarrassing Generalissimo willing personally intervene with President. Please reply.

SEGAC.

(signed)

National Military Council.

Rec'd/completed Fv/6:30PM
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

WB15 VIA RCA

F. Churking 78 SCDE CHG ETAT Nov. 2, 0940

Currie

The White House Washington, D.C.

Shall start home within ten days. Generalissimo has discussed with me question of your coming here. His relationship with you has been of a frank and personal kind impossible in relations with an ambassador of even the most friendly and trusted nation. He has entrusted me explain to you in detail upon my arrival in Washington before end of month. Omita.

(Signed) National Military Council.
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

F CHUNGKING December 5 1942

CURRIE

THE WHITE HOUSE

Enemy troops consisting six divisions attacked Changsha during last five days and nights. Their dead and wounded now number over three fifths total strength. Remnants are fleeing northward and being surrounded by U.S. Third Squadron A.V.G. on January third raided JAP TAK aerodrome Thailand. Shot down three enemy planes and destroyed four more on ground. A.V.G., planes all returned safely to base. Only damage some bullet holes.

SEGAC.

Completed 250pm Dec 5