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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 PIDET BY ACCIDENTAL CRASH IN TRAINING. WILL LOUSE 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 ENTIRE JAPANESE VIEWPOINT AND NATIONAL POLICY MAY BE 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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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 BOMBARD
MENT GROUPS TO UNQUOTE GROCO RETURNING BURMA

TUESDAY.

SEGAC.

11 WUK! 40 CODE CABLE 10:00PM

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.

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F., CHUNGKING, OCT. 11, 1941

DR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE:

SEGAC ASKS ME COMMUNICATE FOLLOWING. TREASURY MAN WHO RECENTLY CAME FROM WASHINGTON WITH BRITISH ECONOMIST WARE 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 DUSLY AND MIGHT BE SUDDEN AND OVERWHELMING. ALL ABOVE FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL QUEST-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.

TEXT

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CHUNGKING OCTOBER 30 1941

DR CURRIE

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FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF GENERALISSIMO'S INTERVIEW YESTERDAY WITH MAGRUMER 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 FRIENDLENESS OF AMERICA'S ACTION ESPECIALLY AT TIME OF TENSION WHEN ALL (OFFICIALS) NEEDED BY HOME GOVERNMENT. STOP DEFINITE INFORMATION REACHED HIM BEE DESIGN ACTACK 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 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 AVAILABLE NEARBY CHINESE ABLE TO HOLD THEIR OWN LAND FIGHTING IF REINFORCED AIRWARD STOP

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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 CHIGNON BECAUSE IF JAPANESE OCCUPY YUNNAN THEIR NEXT STEP
BRITISH?
WOULD CERTAINLY ATTACK BRITTLE FAR EAST TERRITORY AND PRECIPITATE
WAR IN THE PACIFIC STOP IF IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN BY BRITIAIN
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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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. J O H N S T O N, CLERK OPERATIONS, ALL FORMERLY ARMY AIR CORPS". ALSO "P. W. A T K I N S O N 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".

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CHUNGKING, NOVEMBER 2, 1941

DR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE.

BOTH YOUR LETTERS RECEIVED. JUST RETURNED FROM YUNNAN. MILITARY POTENTIALITIES THERE WORRY PROVINCIAL AS WELL AS CENTRAL AUTHORITIES. GOVERNOR LIBG TOLD WE 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 GAUSE 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 MEGGA APPROXIMATELY.

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APPROXIMATELY.

"TIME NOW SUITABLE FOR REAL PEACE WITH JAPAN HOPE THIS TIME
AMERICAN CYNICISM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH
REALISTIC STATESMANSHIP". PERSONALLY COMBIDER 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.

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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 LEADER OF SHE SHOULD CONSIDER PLANS

IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM UNIVERSITY. YUNNAN SITUATION DIS
TRESSFUL, CONVINCED IF UNITED ATTITUDE UNEQUIVOCAL JAPAN

WILL NOT INVADE. IF ATTITUDE HESITANT INVASION MAY BE

PRECIPITATED. IF BARGAINING ATTEMPTED AND CONCESSIONS

LIKE OFL OFFERED, THREAT WILL BE RENEWED WHEN AND WHERE

MOST FEASIBLE TO JAPAN. S E G A C WIRING TO T V SHOW YOU

MESSAGE JUST RECEIVED FROM CHURCHILL TO GENERALLISSIMO

(SIGNED)

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HONGKONG AND TELL MY WIFE COMING HOME THREE MONTHS LEAVE. SHE
IS EXPRESSLY INVITED RETURN CHINA WITH ME ALSO SON IF WE WISH.

SHE Should consider Land IMMEDIATELY and INFORM University of YUNNAN SITUATION distassful convinces if united attitude unequivo—

-cal Japan will not invade (Follow) 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 Follstop) SEGAC wire ing 1 to TV (1) show you message just received from Churchill to Generalissimo (SIGNED)

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CHUNGKING, NOVEMBER 25, 1941

LAUCHLIN CURRIE.

AFTER DISCUSSING WITH GENERALISSING CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF STATE I FEEL YOU SHOULD URGENTLY ADVISE PRESIDENT GENERALISSING'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 DEFEATESTS WOULD INSTANTLY EXPLOIT RESULTING DISALLUSIONMENT URGING ORIENTAL SOLIDARITY AGAINST OCCIDENTAL TREACHERY. NEITHER PAST ASSISTANCE NOR ANY INCREASING AID COULD COMPENSATE ______ OF BEING DESERTED AT THIS HOUR. GENERALISSIMO HAS DEEP CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT'S FIDELITY TO HIS CONSISTENT POLICY BUT ! MUST ____ YOU EVEN GENERALISSING COULD NOT HOLD SITUATION TOGETHER IF NATIONAL TRUST IN AMERICA UNDERMINED BY REPORT

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OF JAPAN'S ESCAPING MILITARY DEFEAT BY DIPLOMATIC VICTORY.

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HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GENERALISSIMO WHO REFERRED ME OR.

KUNG ON GROUND-PLAN FOX'S ACTIVITY ENTIRELY CONNECTED FINANCE

MINISTRY AND GENERALISSIMO DOES NOT INTERVENE OR. 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.

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CURRIE.

GENERALISSING HAS SHOWN ME CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S SUMMARY OF AMERICA'S SUGGESTIONS _ ACT NEGOTIATION WITH JAPAN. HE IS SHOCKED BY SUGGESTION THAT AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE NO WORSE THAN BRITTANIA'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 DISGUISE NATIONAL WAR WEARINESS IN FACE APPALING 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 CHIMA WILL BECOME AVALANCHE.

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AVALANCHE.

HAVING ONCE FROZEN CREDITS AND CUT OFF OIL EFFECT OF RENEGING
DIBASTROUS. SHANSI GOVERNOR OTHER MILITARISTS FOR
WAVERING. JAPAN'S STRONGEST ARGUMENT TO THEM HAS BEEN AMERICA
WILL APPEASE. IF CHINA TO STAY UNITED MAINTAIN RESISTANCE
NECESSARY COUNTERACT INSIDEOUSLY 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.

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CHUNGKING, DECEMBER 9, 1941

CURRIE.

T. Y. Soong Hushih

GENERALISSIMO TODAY TELEGRAPHED TY-SOON GHUSH 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 CHINA UNHESITATINGLY PREPARE 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 AMERICAN WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO PACIFIC OVER ATLANTIC UNTIL JAPAN SETTLED WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BRING SOVIET IN.

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F CHUNGKING, DECEMBER 11, 1941

CURRIE.

AFTER SEEING AMERICAN, BRITISH, SOVIET MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES GENERALISSIMO CONVINCED ABSOLUTE NECESSITY COORDINATING VARIOUS PACIFIC FRONTS. EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE PROMPTHESS. 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 COUNTEDES 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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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.

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BRITISH HAVE ASKED FOR ONE REGIMENT BURMA BUT HAVE
ADMITTED US TO NO CONFIDENCE. GENERAL SRETT MOST
WELCOME HERE ESPECIALLY IF AUTHORIZED PRESS BRITISH
FOR REAL COOPERATION. WOULD APPRECIATE SUPPORT YOUR END.

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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.

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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

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CHUNGKING DEC. 21, 1941

CURRIE:

WHITE HOUSE.

NOTICEABLE CHINESE DEFLATIONARY TREND BEGINNING SUPPORTED BY BRITASH ECONOMIC ADVISER. AMERICAN MEMBER STABILIZATION BOARD WHO RECENT APPOINTED ADVISE FINANCE MINISTRY STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS TREND 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 SPECIFICAL 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 LOAM COULD ABSORB BASIS OF BOND ISSUES WHICH WITH AMERICAN BACKING SHOULD PROVE ATTRACTIVE TO CHINESE PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION STOP BONDS COULD ALLOW OBTAINING EXCHANGE CARESTER THROUGH STABILIZATION BOARD AT FAVORABLE RATE AFTER SPECIFIED PERIOD TO ATTRACT THOSE INTERESTED IN COMMODITIES AND CHINA'S MERSESSEE FUTURE RECONSTRUCTION STOP

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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 _______ENDORSE 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.

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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 DAMEGED 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,

PLEASE ADVISE WHEN AIR ROUTES OPEN UP AND YOU CAN OBTAIN PRIORITY

AS GENERALISSIMO CONSIDERS MY RETURN SOON ADVISABLE, BECAUSE NOW

HAVE SIX MONTH'S CONTINUOUS EXPERIENCE AND CAN PRESENT FUNDAMENTAL

POLITICAL INTERPRETATION WITHOUT WHICH MILITARY ECONOMY? NEEDS

EASILY MISUNDERSTOOD.

OMITA

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FA183WUKI 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 BURNA HOWEVER OWING FALL HONGKONG SHOWING HOPELESS BRITISH UNPREPAREDNESS AND GENERALISSIMO'S DETERMINATION CHINA SHALL SET EXAMPLE UNSELFISH COOPERATION BETWEEN DRDERED AVG REINFORCEMENTS BURMA ALTHOUGH GROCO WHOSE OPINION HIGHLY VALUED WARNS BRITISH GROUND PREPARATIONS AIR DEFENSE UTTERLY INADEQUATE FIFLOS POOR WARNING SYSTEM INCOMPETENT NIGHT RAIDS 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 FURTHER 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 (REALIZATION) EXTENDING) BLUNDERS UNLESS AMERICAN PRESSURE FORCES REAL CHINA THEIR COLONIAL EMPIRE STOP FURTHERMORE NECESSARY START PUMPING REAL ECONOMIC MILITARY AID INTO CHINA WHERE OTHERWISE DESPITE GEMNERALISSIMO'S EFFORTS CREATE MAINTAIN REAL INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT IMPRESSION

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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.

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CURRIE

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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 ENGEITABLY INTERPRETS REPEATED BRITISH ACTS AS REFUSAL ADMIT CHINESE LIBERTY EQUAL TO CAUSES FOR WHICH BRITIAN FIGHTING AND AS MORE TO BE EXPECTED FROM ENEMY THAN FROM ALLY. INTERFERENCE CHINESE LEASE-LEND MATERIAL REVEALING COMPLETE INDIFFERENCE TOWARD WEAKENING CHINE'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 GENERALISSIMO WOULD HAVE WITHDRAWN ALL CHINESE PERSONNEL FROM BURMA, BUT INSTEAD HE ACTUALLY SENT EXTRA SQUADRON A.V.G. RANGOON. IN VIEW ALL ABOVE GENERALISSIMO CHARACTERIZES LATER AND REPEATED BRITISH BEHAVIOR AS UNGRATEFUL AND ASKS IMMEDIATE ASSURANCES BRITISH WILL PUT SITUATION W RIGHT AND GUAR-ANTRE NO REPETITION. ALL ABOVE ALSO COMMUNICATED MAGRUDER. GENERALISSI-MOSATTITUDE VERY FIRM. PLEASE INFORM T.V. SOONG. OMITA-

(COMPLETED 2:15 PM JAN 2)

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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 TULBA 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 DECESION 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

THIS

THIS

THIS

THIS

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.

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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 (?) SUPPORT AND CONTINUANCE MODIFIED LEND LEASE ON 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

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CURRIE

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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

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CURRIE

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

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MANPOWER OBLIGATIONS OF JOINT FRONT WITH DEMOCRACIES. THEREFORE NEW MEASURES IMPERATIVE WHICH MUST REPRESENT NOT FINANCIAL TRANS-ACTION 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 REVERSES THREW ADDI-TIONAL BURDEN ON CHINA. CHANG SHA VICTORY HAS GREATLY RELIEVED STRAIN, BUT EVENTUALLY WILL INCREASE AGAIN UNLESS AMERICAN SUPPORT FRESHLY DEMONSTARTED. 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.

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WB28 122 VIA RCA

CHUNGKING, JANUARY 8, 1942

CURRIE

MESSAGE FROM GROCO (QUOTE) FOLLOWING HAVE TERMINATED THEIR CONTRACTS
AS OF DATES: T N H I G _ A K E D S M I T H G E O R G E F (STOP)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATION DECEMBER THIRTEENTH FULLER H E N R Y W (STOP)

INSTRUCTOR DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST S T U B B S G A I L L INSTRUCTOR

DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST UNQUOTE ALSO QUOTE INSTRUCTOR M A B I O N

B A _ G H WAS KILLED IN ACCIDENTAL CRASH JANUARY THIRD WHILE

FERRYING RADIO OPERATOR NEAR KUNMING PASSENGER INJURED BUT NOT

FATALLY UNQUOTE

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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

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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.

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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)

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COMPLETED 550P JANUARY 15

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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- 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-MERWITKELLED 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 COOLATE TANKS. I CAN TRAIN CHIEBSE PILOTS ON NEW AIR-PLANES IN CHINA PROVIDED | 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 | WILL UNDERTAKE

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OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SECOND GROUP. CAN MAINTAIN VOLUNTEER PURSUIT GROUP IN CHINA ON NINE HUNDRED TONS PER MONTH ALL SUPPLIES INCLUD-ING FUEL, AMMUNITION, MINOR SEREE PARTS, FOOD AND CLOTHING. MANY
MANY THANKS FOR NEW AIR-PLANES, PILOTS SPARE PARTS. WE WILL DO
OUR BEST WITH THEM. WILL GROUP REMAIN VOLUNTEER UNIT FOR DURATION?
UNQUOTE

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CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS GIST OF GENERALISSIMO(8
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 FOLLOWING REASONS:

- 1. IT REDUCES CHINESE ARMY TO STATUS OF MERCENARIES PAUROC AND WOULD BE RESENTED BY ARMY AND PEOPLE AND WOULD INEVITABLY RESULT IN A SPLIT BETWEEN THEM.
- 2. IT WOULD THE ROW 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.
 - 4. ABOVE ALL CHINA'S CONTINUED RESISTANCE DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON MILITARY STRENGTH OUT ALSO ON STABILIZATION OF ECONOMIC FOUNDATION.

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

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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.

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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, MUNNAN MAKING
THE SCORE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT UNQUOTE PLEASE ADVISE T. V.

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COMPLETED 542PM

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F CHUNGKING, JAN 18, 1942

CURRIE:

ALTHOUGH GENERALISSIMO Repettedly 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.

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COMPLETED 9:12 P.M.

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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.

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COMPLETED 1038AM/D

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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 COMMAT WITH JAPANESE PURSUITS WE SHOT DOWN TWO DEFINITELY AND TWO MORE PROBABLY, ALL TYPE 97. OUR LOSS ONE PLANE, PILOT SAFE. END QUOTE

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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.

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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)

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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

ITEM Number	NUMBER REQUIRED	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION
1	100	Еден	SOLENOIDS GUN SYNCHRONIZER TYPE E-POUND 24 VOLT
2	50	EACH	SWITCH RELAY FOR MACHINE GUN 20 AMPERE 24 VOLT DC CATALOGUE NUMBER B2S-0-4039243 — MANUFACTURER WARD LEONARD COMPANY
3	200	EACH	LAMPS 24 VOLT DOUBLE CARTALURE BASE INSIDE FROSTED 21-21 CANDLEPOWER (OPTICAL GUN SIGHT)
4	4000	EACH	CERAMIC SPARKPLUGS
5	2000	EACH	COOLANT PUMPS PACKING PELLETS
6	50	EACH	GENERATOR DRIVE GEAR COMPLETE WITH BEARING
7	25	EACH	SPOOL GEARS
8	25	FACH	PROPELLER SWITCHES

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9	50	EACH	COMPLETE DETE OF BURDED OVER
		CAON	COMPLETE SETS OF RUBBER CUPS AND GASKETS FOR HYDRAULIC SYSTEM
10	12	EACH	HYDRAULIC HAND PUMPS
11	12	EACH	BRAKE MASTER CYLINDERS
12	25	EACH	SETS BRAKE BANDS COMPLETE
13	4	EACH	COMPLETE SETS WING BOLTS
14	12	EACH	HYDRAULIC SELECTOR VALVES
15	1000	FEET IGNITION	CABLE
16	5	COMPLETE SETS	OF BOLTS AND NUTS FOR EMPENAGE
17	12	EACH	TAIL WHEELS
18	20	EACH	OIL COOLERS COMPLETE WITH VISCOSITY VALVE
19	50	EACH	OIL PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE SPRINGS
20	1000	EACH	SLINGER RING BRUSHES CURTISS ELECTRIC PART NUMBER 88268
21	400	EACH	RESISTORS FOR ECLIPSE VOLTAGE CONTROL REGULATORS TYPE E-340-MFG. NUMBER F-84155 200 LEFT AND 200 RIGHT
22	-		ONE SET IGNITION WIRE WEDGE-ON TOOLS
23	400	EACH	GENERATOR DRIVE COUPLING RUBBERS
24	25	EACH	COMPLETE SETS DIAPHRAMS FOR PT-13-E1
25	12		DISCHARGE NOZZLES COMPLETE FOR PT-13-E1

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26 20 EACH MAIN WHEEL TIRES

27 400 VEE CUT CRYSTAL UNITS RCA MODEL 135C TEMPERATURE 25 DEGREE C AS FOLLOWS

100 EACH 5200 KCS
100 EACH 5640 KCS
50 EACH 5050 KCS - KCQ
50 EACH 5510 KCS
50 EACH 5725 KCS
50 EACH 6185 KCS - KCK
50 EACH 5400 KCS
50 EACH 5860 KCS

(UNQUOTE)

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COMPLETED 920PM JANUARY 26

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

MEMO FOR DR. CURRIE

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 O N

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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)

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COMPLETED 200P JANUARY 29

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WB260 62 VIA RCA

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"

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(LAST FIGURES 21 COULD BE 28. AFTER CONFIRMATION)

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CHUNGKING, 2030, FEBRUARY 2 1942

CURRIE

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

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CHUNGKING, 1900, FEBRUARY 2 1942

CURRIE

THE WHITE HOUSE

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

SEGAC

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WB34 VIA RCA 36

F, CHUNGKING, FEB. 4, 1942

CURRIE:

PLEASE ADDRESS WIRES TO US BOTH AS FOLLOWS SEGAC, CARE VICERON,
DELHI, INDIA, FOR NEXT FORTNIGHT OR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SEGAC.

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

1WND 94 CDE

The **White House** Washington

CALCUTTA FEBRUARY 6 1942 355PM.

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, HICYEY, OR M. F. HARMOJ., UNQUOTE.

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 DOWNER SHEK.

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 HAS TO WORK UNDER BISSELL HE WOULD RESIGN. I CAN ONLY THE EASE SITUATION BY PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH HIM WHEN I METURN SHORTLY. CONFERENCES NOW PROCEEDING WITH BRITISH REGARDING ASSAM ROAD. PROSPECTS FAVORABLE.

SEGAC.

MADAME CHIANG.

10:30 A.M.

1WN J 45

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

KUNMING, FEBRUARY 22, 1942

CURRIE.

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The White House Washington

KUNMING FEBRUARY 23 1942

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE

RESULT LONG CONFERENCE WITH GROCO. HE FEELS THAT HE HAS FUL-FILLED 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 OVER BILIN RIVER BURMA EIGHT A.V.G.
PLANES MEX 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 SEND MORE PILOTS FROM A.V.G. DUE TACTICAL NEEDS (STOP) WHERE ARE COLONEL DAWSON AND 15 PURSUIT PILOTS PREVIOUSLY PROMISED A.V.G. 11:15AMFEB 24/

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Mashington

W10PO AB 113 CDE CHINESE GYT

KUNMING 1400 FEB. 25, 1942

GURRIE:

REGARDING ASSAM BURMA ROAD LEDO TO LUNGLING VIA PUTAO COMMA MYTIKYINA. 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

4:20p.M.

WB69

The White House Washington

KUNMING, MARCH 2, 1942 - 1615

CURRIE, WASHINGTON.

TELEGRAM FEBRUARY 25TH RECEIVED. STOP. GROCO INSISTS HE IS WILLING TO DO ANYTHING FOR CHINA'S GOOD, BUT FEELS UNDER PROPOSED ORGANIZATION BEST FOR HIM TO RESIGN. STOP. AM DOING UTMOST INFLUENCE HIM RECONSIDER UNTIL CONFERENCE WITH STILLWELL. STOP. HE IS? DISCOURAGED BECAUSE MEN AND TYPE PLANES PROMISED HIM WHILE IN WASHINGTON NOT FORTHCOMING. STOP. NOTWITHSTANDING INSUFFICIENT PERSONNEL ETIPMENT A. V. G. STOP. HAS PUT UP MAGNIFICENT FIGHT.

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 DISTONTO ACCEDE.

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

WBRCA64K1 189

F CHUNGKING, MAR. 20, 1942

CUPRIE

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

WB36RCA KI 204

F CHUNGKING MAR 26, 1942

CURRIE:

FOLLOWING FROM GROCO QUOTE A.V.G. BECOMING INEFFECTIVE DUE EXHAUSTION EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL STOP GROUP BORNE BRUNT DEFENSE RANGOON BURMA YUNNAN STOP INITIALLY EXPECTED GROUP ENDURE ONE MONTH BUT HELD ON OVER THREE MONTHS BECAUSE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS YOUNGLING AND MINISTER SOONS SEND SPARE PARTS BY AIR STOP PERSONNEL REPLACEMENT NOW EQUALLY SERIOUS AS EQUIPMENT STOP HAVE GREAT OPPORTUNITY NOW IF CAN GET NEW AIRPLANES COMMA 30 PILOTS AND 50 GROUND CREW QUICKLY STOP 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 STCP 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.

WB39FV RADIO

CHUNGKING MARCH 29 1947 FILED 0010

CURRIE

WHITE HOUSE WASHOC

DOCTOR: KUNG WISHES ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS
BEHALF LOAN. GENERALISSIMO, MYSELF DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR
UNFLAGGING INTEREST IN AND STAUNCH FRIENDSHIP FOR CHINA.
SEGAC.

COMPLETED 4:00 P.M.

The **White House** Washington

WB23 NIA RCA

CHUNGKING 47 CDE APRIL 2 1942

CURRIE:

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

SEGAC.

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.

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WB20RCA KI 216

F CHUNGKING, APR 12, 1942

CURRIE:

GENERALISSIMO MYSELF RETURNED YESTERDAY FROM CAYENNE FRONT STOP SITUATION THERE UNSPEAKABLY DANGEROUS WITH COMPLETE DISORGANI-ZATION BOTH FRONT AND REAR COLLAPSE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION BREAKDOWN COMMUNNICATION 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 FLYS STOP WITH EXTREME HEAT PREVAILING I GREATLY FEAR CHOLERA OTHER EPIDEMIC FOR OUR TROOPS NOW ENTERING DISTRICTS STOOLPIGEON RAILWAYS CONJESTED BY BOMBED CARS DEBRIS ETCETERA HENCE CAUSED DELAY OUR REINFORCEMENTS REACHING PKOJCKK 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.

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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.

The White House Washington

WB1 VIA RCA

CHUNGKING 353 CDE APRIL 19, 1942 FILED 0300

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. But today Bissell presented

War Department memorrandum 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.

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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.

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WB1 VIA RCA

CHUNGKING 353 ODE APRIL 19 1942

CURRIE:

FEW DAYS AGO IN REPLY TO GENERALISSMO'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 GENERALISSMO'S CONSENT STOP. BUT TODAY BISSELL PRESENT WAR DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM PURPORTING -IHAT -- 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 6 MO SHOCKED AT SUGGESTION SINCE IN HIS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT HE URGED IMMEDIATE DISPATCH THREE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL PLANES SUPPORT CHINESE EXPEDITION-ARY FORCE. STOP. 6/10 MOST FORCEFULLY Office S WAR DEPARTMENT MOVE AND EXPRESSED HIGHHANDED TO BISSELL AS FOLLOWS:

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OIL FIELDS LOST.

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WB56 CDE VIA RCA

CHUNGKING APRIL 20 1942 FILED 1940

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.

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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

WB58 RCA KI 292

The White House Washington

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 YENANYAUNG 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 WENANYYAUNG OIL FIELDS STOP PLEASE INFORM TV.

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

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WK1 VIA RCA CDE

F. CHUNCKING APRIL 23, 1942

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 EVACUATEES 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 DIVORCEOD FROM STATE EFFORT THIS CANNOT BE VERY EFFECTIVE END 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.

1W 37 CBL CDE

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

CORRECTED COPY 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 PRACTICE PRESSURE BRITISH DEFECT.

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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.

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WB62 125 CDE

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 HANDI 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.

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Who districts division with the state of the

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

MAPANESE ENCIRCLEMENT NORTH OF MITKINA 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.

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Em 8375

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

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 WHOSE 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

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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 JINNAM 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 ADVERSLY AFFECT INTERNAL AND WAR

SITUATION BUT MAHATMA GANDHI SEEMS RESOLVED STOP NEHRU SEEING

MAHATMA GANDHI TO CLARIFY SITUATION.

WB34 RADIO 41 WDS

CHUNGKING JUNE 4, 1942 FILED 2330

CURRIE

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

The White House Washington

VIA MACKAYRADIO 51MK 303 SCDE

CHENGTU 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 UNDESTROUS 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 IMPEDED 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

The White House Washington

SHEET #2

UNLESS BRITISH GOVERNMENT COMPELS HIM HE CANNOT REMAIN
PASSIVE WHEN PEOPLE ARE SPIRITUALLY DEGRADED. GANDHI
AND CONGRESS UNWISH IMPEDE 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

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

The **White House** Washington

WB80 RADIO VIA RCA

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.

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CURRIE

WHITEHOUSE WASHINGTON DC

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

WELCOMING YOU COME IMMEDIATELY.

WA78BN 47

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.

The White House

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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 LATAN 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

SWAMPED WITH MONTH'S ACCUMULATED WORK (STOP) PROBABILITY FAVORABLE.

SEGAC.

(SIGNATURE CAME) NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL

COMPLETED FV/12:05AM/19TH.

The **White House** Washington

WB43 98CDE CHG ETAT VIA RCA

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 GLACLY 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

The **White House** Washington

WB15 VIA RCA

F. CHUNGKING 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 AMBASSADOR OF EVEN THE
MOST FRIENDLY AND TRUSTED NATION. HE HAS ENTRUSTED
ME EXPLAIN TO THE NOTALL UPON MY ARRIVAL IN
WASHINGTON BEFORE END OF MONTH. OMITA.

(SIGNED) NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL.

WU33 VIA RCA

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. REMNANCE ARE FLEEING NORTHWARD AND BEING SURROUNDED BY UST. THIRD SQUADRON A.V.G. ON JANUARY THIRD RAIDED 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