

● PSF China: Lauchlin Currie Cables

27

September 5, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3-4 5 6 7 8
British have agreed to diversion of thirty-three Hudsons

and thirty-three DB-sevens by end of year. C..

L.C.

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

September 18, 1941

SEGAC
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CHINA

1/10/41

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
FOR GROCO. SELECT BEST PILOTS FOR TRAINING HERE. STILL
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27
WAITING FOR NAMES OF DISCHARGED. AM DROPPING HURRICANES.
28 29 30 31 32
YOUR LAST CABLE HELPFUL. C.

L. G.

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Re: Defense Aid Program for China.

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



Lauchlin Currie

STATUS OF THE DEFENSE AID PROGRAM FOR CHINA AS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1941.

Military Mission

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

Allocations

Shipments

Burma Road

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

7,500 tons asphalt for resurfacing \$262,500 4,922 tons

33 American automotive technicians 400,000

Labor & materials for assembling vehicles 540,000

6 American experienced loaders & dispatchers. 80,000

6,600 trucks, tires & tubes, spare parts. \$16,643,725
\$17,926,225 1,333 trucks

For Transport

For Army, Air Force and Burma Road

100 tank trucks 181,500

Base repair shops 5,230,750

Spare parts, tires, tubes for vehicles in China. 2,709,000

Wrecker trucks 225,000

\$ 8,346,250

6,808 tires & tubes

For Air Force

122 tractors 535,000

116 passenger cars, spare parts, tires 124,811

720 trucks, tires, tubes, spare parts. 1,191,500

\$ 1,851,311

12 tractors

For Army

6,726 trucks, tires & tubes. 18,111,950

Portable assembly unit 180,000

600 motor cycles 334,000

612 Command Reconnaissance cars, tires 761,400

64 radio cars. 93,440

352 weapon carriers. 360,800

928 1-ton trailers. 301,600

500 trucks (transferred from \$1.3 b. category)

\$20,143,190

510 trucks
9,200 tires & tubes
197 pieces of portable assembly unit

500 trucks

For Yunnan-Burma Railway

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Allocations

Shipments

100 Tractor chassis with pole trailers

\$200,000

Yunnan-Burma Railway

Construction & equipment of railway. \$15,000,000

3 shipments of construction material have been sent, incl.
40,800 shovels, 1,500 wheelbarrows, 500 axes, 1,162,839 lbs. explosives.

Aviation

Air Mission inspected fields, equipment, etc.

12 transport planes \$ 1,970,000

269 pursuit planes 28,070,268

70 training planes (transferred from \$1.3 bill. category)

66 bombers released by British to be delivered by 12/31/41.

Program for training 500 Chinese pilots and 50 radio and armament mechanics in America has been approved, and the first 100 will arrive in October.

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

\$30,040,268

Ordnance

360 howitzers, ammunition, equipment. \$13,057,948

Armament for 240 light tanks 566,400

12,000 sub-machine guns, ammunition 2,448,000

1,750 Bren guns, ammunition, equipment 1,972,250

1,360 Machine guns, anti-aircraft, ammunition 5,492,327

360 anti-tank guns, ammunition 7,840,432

Armament for pursuit planes 1,527,005

1,500,000 rounds ammunition (transferred from \$1.3 billion category. .30 & .50 cal.

1,500,000 rounds ammunition

80 range finders " " "

\$32,904,362

Communications

Telephone equipment \$ 1,507,788

Radio " 1,160,548

Signal " 633,099

\$ 3,301,435

	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Shipments</u>
<u>Medical</u>		
16 Field Hospital Units	\$ 142,400	
64 Field ambulances.	99,400	
Medical & surgical supplies	3 059,712	
 Mission to combat malaria	 140,000	
70 tons Paris Green to spray malarial marshes	31,800	20 tons
	<u>\$3,473,312</u>	
 <u>Oils</u>		
Gasoline, oils, greases	\$3,771,421	330,000 gals. gas. 2,700 tons oils & greases
 <u>Service Supplies</u>		
3,000,000 cotton military blankets.	\$3,000,000	301,744 blankets
10,000,000 yds. cotton sheetings for uniforms	1,450,000	
286,160 lbs. Thionol for dyeing cloth	300,000	
	<u>\$4,750,000</u>	
 <u>Arsenals</u>		
There are more than 20 arsenals in western China manufacturing weapons & ammunition.		
Tools, metals, chemicals, etc.	\$11,085,914.50	3,125 tons copper 2,000 tons lead 1,250 tons zinc 105 tons aluminum <u>365 tons steel</u> 6,845 tons
 <u>Combat Vehicles</u>		
600 Armored scout cars	\$ 4,380,000	
240 7-ton tanks.	8,015,520	
35 Scout cars (transferred from \$1.3 b. category)	<u>\$12,395,520</u>	
 <u>Shipping</u>		
Port & transportation charges - 12 ships	\$ 1,805,500	12 ships have sailed.
 TOTAL	 \$166,994,708.50	

October 16, 1941

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

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

L.C.

October 24, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
FOR GROCO. APPROVE FULL COOPERATION WITH MISSION.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
KEEP SOONG INFORMED. CABLE ME THROUGH SEGAC IF AND
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
WHEN NECESSARY. I WILL PROTECT SOURCE OF INFORMATION
41 42 43 44 45 46
WHEN YOU INDICATE. C.

L. C.

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

October 25, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 23 45 6 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
FOR OMITTA? HAVE YOU RECEIVED MY LETTERS OF AUGUST
TWENTY-FIRST) VIA McHUGH AND SEPTEMBER EIGHTEENTH VIA
MAGRUDER. C.

L. C.

(to be charged to White House)

October 27, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
SORRY. INQUIRY RE LETTERS WAS FOR OMITA. WHO IS
AAGOUDA. C.

R.C.

(to be charged to White House)

HTCFH

October 31, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
AM TRYING TO HAVE THIRTYFOUR PILOTS EN ROUTE PICKED UP AND FLOWN
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34
TO RANGOON. WILL ADVISE. PROSPECTS GOOD FOR DELIVERY OF HUDSONS
BY AIR. C.

L.C.

(To be charged to Lease-Lend Administration)
Formerly Div. of Defense Aid Reports, OEM.

NOVEMBER 17, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2-6 7 8 9-10 11 12 13
FOR OMITTA. PRESIDENT HAS CABLED GENERALISSIMO. I AM
14 15-16 17 18 19 20 21
PERSONALLY SATISFIED THAT REAL CONSIDERATION IS NOW
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
BEING GIVEN TO CHINA'S NEEDS AND THAT FLOW OF LEND-LEASE
34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43
WILL HENCEFORTH INCREASE. ALSO THE AIR PROGRAM WILL BE
44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53
MUCH BETTER ORGANIZED. HAVE MADE RESERVATION BUT REGRET
54 55 56 57 58 59 60
YOU WILL BE AWAY SO LONG. C.

R. G.

(To be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)

NOVEMBER 24, 1941.

SEGAC CHUNGKING CHINA

123456 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
OMITA. CHARGE HAS BEEN MADE THAT FOX DOES NOT POSSESS
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27
CONFIDENCE OF GENERALISSIMO. COULD YOU CONFIRM OR CONFUTE. C.

R. G.

NOVEMBER 25, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2256
FOR OMIT.

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
AM DISTRESSED OVER YOUR REPORT OF REACTION. I ASSURE YOU
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
PRESIDENT'S FUNDAMENTAL POSITION IS UNCHANGED. OFFER IS EXTREMELY
34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50
MEAGRE AND MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED. IF IT IS, TERMS WOULD BE MADE
51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67
PUBLIC AND IT IS FELT THAT MATTER CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BY AMERICAN
68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76
AND CHINESE PUBLIC IF PROPERLY PRESENTED. NO AVIATION FUEL INVOLVED.
77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87
ACCEPTANCE WOULD REMOVE REAL THREAT TO BURMA ROAD AND YET NOT
88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98
CHECK PROCESS OF ECONOMIC DETERIORATION IN JAPAN. WE MUST ALL
99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112
PLAN FOR 1942, IN THREE MONTHS YOU WILL HAVE FORMIDABLE AIR FORCE
113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128
IN CHINA PLUS ORDNANCE, TANKS, GUNPOWDER, MATERIALS FOR ARSENALS.
129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143
MY PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT IT IS TO CHINA'S LONG RUN INTEREST TO
144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157
WIN HER FREEDOM AT LEAST PARTLY ~~MILITARILY~~ ^{BY HER ARMS} RATHER THAN DIPLOMATICALLY.
158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170
ASSURE GENERALISSIMO I AM DOING EVERYTHING I CAN ON ALL FRONTS.
171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182
HAVE SUCCEEDED IN EFFECTING COMPLETE CHANGE OF ATTITUDE OF ARMY
183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195
TOWARD AVG. YOU HAVE RESERVATION DECEMBER TENTH, HONGKONG. DEEPLY
196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210
REGRET TO HAVE TO SAY THAT MESSAGES TO CABINET MEMBERS THROUGH TV
211 212 213 214 215 216 217
AROUSE RESENTMENT AND INJURE CAUSE. C.

November 26, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
FOR OMIT. ASSUME ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR RETURN WILL BE MADE
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
THERE. (C) ONE SENTENCE IN MY CABLE AMBIGUOUS. I MEANT A NEW
27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37
OFFENSIVE IN 1942. (C) OFFER HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. C.

L.C.

(to be charged to White House)

November 27, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 23 25 26 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
FOR OMITTA? YOUR FIRST CABLE A GREAT HELP. DID NOT HAVE
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
TO USE SECOND. GREAT RELIEF. AM NOW BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO BUILD
33 34 35
UP AVG. C.

L. C.

(Charge to White House)

November 28, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
For Omita. Postscript. Told T.V. I had sent you a message
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
through State Department code re messages to cabinet and
23 24 25 26 27 28
explained background to him. C.

R.C.

(To be charged to White House)

December 10, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

HTC 115 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
FOR OMIT. MESSAGE NINTH RECEIVED. ARE THERE PLANS FOR THE
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
IMMEDIATE JOINT DEFENSE OF BURMA? THIS APPEARS TO ME TO BE
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45
MOST URGENT? GENERAL BRETT IS PROCEEDING TO CHINA FOR GENERAL
46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62
ARNOLD. MOST IMPORTANT HE BE ACCORDED EVERY FACILITY AND THAT
63 64 65 66 67 68
EXTREME SECRECY BE PRESERVED. C.

R. G.

(to be charged to Lend Lease)

DECEMBER 17, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6-13 14 15 16-17
FOR OMITTA. MAKING PROGRESS. MAGRUDER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED
18 19 20 21 22-23 24 25 26 27
TO PRESS FOR MUCH GREATER CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN BURMA
28 29 30 31 32-33 34-36 37 38 39 40 41
DEFENSE AND TO SUGGEST INCORPORATING AVG INTO U S ARMY.
42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51
YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHINESE
52-53 54 55 56 57 58 59-60 61-62
SQUADRONS WITH AMERICAN AND CHINESE STAFF OFFICERS SELECTED
63 64 65 66-76 77 78 79 80 81 82-83
BY AND UNDER CHENNAULT'S COMMAND. SOME EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS
84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96
OF AIRPLANE PARTS SHOULD ARRIVE BY AIR WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
97 98 99 100-101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108
CARGO DUE YESTERDAY INCLUDED MACHINE GUNS, SUBMACHINE GUNS,
109-110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119
HOWITZERS AND FIFTY CALIBER ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. COULD BE
120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133
USED BY BRITISH OR BY CHINESE IN BURMA. E IS FINE. C.

A.C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)

DECEMBER 19, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS PARTS LEAVING TODAY FOR DARWIN AUSTRALIA.
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
GROCO SHOULD CONTACT BRETT ON FORWARDING ARRANGEMENTS. C.

R.C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Admin.)



DECEMBER 26, 1941.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING, CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10-17
FOR GROCO. DESTINATION FOR PARTS SWITCHED TO CALCUTTA.
18 19-21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
FIVE DC3 WILL BE FLOWN OUT IN FEW DAYS, CONSIGNED TO MISSION.
34 35 36 37 38 39 40
CONGRATULATIONS ON FIRST ENCOUNTER. C.

L. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)

December 26, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
FOR GROCO. CORRECTION. FIVE LODESTARS INSTEAD OF
11 12 13 14 15
DC-THREE. C.

L. C.

(To be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)

December 30, 1941

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8-9-10 11
FOR OMITTA. PRESIDENT, THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS, WILL
12 13 14 15 16-17-18 19 20 21
DEPLORE SEIZURE AND GIVE REASSURANCES. HE WILL DISCUSS
22 23 24-25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
MATTER WITH CHURCHILL. I AM NOT CLEAR ON DECISION RE
33 34 35 36-37 38 39-40 41 42 43 44
USE OF CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA. WHY CANNOT CHINESE USE
45 46 47 48 49-50 51 52-53 54 55
LEND LEASE MATERIEL IN BURMA. HAVE ARRANGED FOR YOUR
56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63-64-65 66
RETURN AROUND THE 20th. YOU WILL BE INFORMED. C.

L. C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)

December 30, 1941.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2-3 4 5 6 7 8 9-10-11 12
PERSONAL MESSAGE. ARMY WOULD LIKE TO CONVERT A.V.G. INTO
13 14 15 16 17-18-19 20-21 22 23 24 25
REGULAR U.S. ARMY UNITS. I AM INCLINED TO FAVOR THIS AS
26-27 28 29 30-31 32 33 34-35-36 37-38
INSURING STEADY AND INCREASED FLOW OF PLANES, SUPPLIES
39 40-41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49
AND MEN. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE THIS RESULT
50-51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60
WORKING OUTSIDE THE ARMY. YOU COULD SECURE CREDIT FOR
61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73
P-40's UNDER LEND LEASE AND REQUIRE ASSURANCES THAT WE
74 75 76-77 78 79 80 81 82 83
WOULD FURNISH CONTINUED AIR SUPPORT FOR CHINA, AND THAT
84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92
AMERICAN AIRFORCE IN CHINA WOULD OPERATE UNDER THE GENERAL
93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103
COMMAND OF THE GENERALISSIMO. AT THE SAME TIME WE COULD
104 105-106 107 108 109 110 111 112-113
CONTINUE MODIFIED LEND LEASE AIR PROGRAM FOR EQUIPPING
114 115-116 117 118 119 120 121 122
CHINESE GROUPS WITH MATERIEL AND SOME AMERICAN STAFF
123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130
PERSONNEL. WOULD LIKE YOUR REACTION. C.

L.C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)

JANUARY 2, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
FOR OMIT. ARMY ADVISES THAT IF YOU CAN PROCEED
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
IMMEDIATELY TO KARACHI YOU WILL BE FLOWN TO UNITED
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
STATES BY FIRST FERRY COMMAND AIRPLANE DEPARTING. C.

R.C.

Change to White House

January 3, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

2 3.7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14-19 20
FOR GROCO. PLEASE CONVEY TO MEMBERS OF A.V.G. OUR
21 22 23 24 25 26 27-28
INTENSE ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS
29 30 31 32 33 34 35-36 37 38-39
TO DATE. STOP. HAVE YOU MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OBTAINING
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49
SEVEN THOUSAND POUNDS PARTS FLOWN TO CALCUTTA AND FIVE
50 51 52 53 54-60 61 62
HUNDRED POUNDS FLOWN TO KARACHI. C.

L. C.

(to be charged to Lend Lease Administration)

TELEGRAM

The White House Washington

JANUARY 8, 1941 [42]

SEGAC
CHUNGKING.

FIFTY ARMY P-40-E WILL BE SHIPPED NEXT WEEK AND BE FLOWN
AFRICAN ON WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AT LEAST FIFTEEN PILOT
REPLACEMENTS SPARE PARTS AND AMMUNITION WILL FOLLOW BY BOAT
AM TRYING TO HAVE SHIPPED 30 LEND-LEASE P-43 AND 25 P-66
BY THE TWENTIETH I SUGGEST FORMATION OF CHINESE PURSUIT GROUP
TO FLY THESE UNDER GROCO'S SELECTION AND COMMAND IF YOU AGREE
ADVISE ^S NUMBER AMERICAN STAFF OFFICERS GROCO WOULD WISH DETAILED
TO THIS GROUP TAKE UP OFFICIALLY AND I WILL SUPPORT STOP
ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING MIGHT BE ARRANGED IN INDIA WILL
EXPLORE IF YOU WISH ASK GROCO ^{FOR} ~~FOR~~ TONNAGE ESTIMATE OF MONTHLY
SUPPLIES TO MAINTAIN PURSUIT GROUP IN COMBAT IN CHINA STOP
AMERICAN BURMA ROAD PERSONNEL AT COLUMBO ^{EN ROUTE} ~~ON ROUTE~~ RANGOON AM
STILL OF OPINION BAD RELATIONS MIGHT RESULT FROM OPERATION OF ROAD
BY MISSION OR ALLIED COMMISSION AS PROPOSED FAVOR YOU RETAINING
RESPONSIBILITY AND FOLLOWING ADVICE AMERICAN TECHNICIANS STOP
INITIAL REACTION NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FAVORABLE
TREASURY PROPOSES RECALL FOX FOR CONSULTATION. C.

January 9, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

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

L.C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)

January 12, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FOX TO TRAVEL WITH OMITA. C.

L.C.

January 15, 1942

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
IN VIEW OF CONFLICTING REPORTS, WOULD APPRECIATE ACCURATE
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
INFORMATION ON NUMBER CHINESE TROOPS GOING TO BURMA WITH
18 19 20
DESTINATIONS. C.

L. C.

(to be charged to White House)

JANUARY 19, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
FOR GROCO. DID YOU RECEIVE THIRTY BLADES SENT BY AIR TO CALCUTTA?
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
HOW MANY MORE DO YOU NEED? SUGGEST YOU CABLE ITEMIZED LIST OF PARTS
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47
THAT ARE URGENTLY NEEDED AND CAN BE FLOWN. WINGS AND LANDING GEAR
48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66
MUST/ BY BOAT. NEW PLANES SHOULD REACH YOU IN FIVE WEEKS. ARMY WISHES
67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78
PROCEED INDUCTION PLAN. AM TRYING TO GET SIXTY-SEVEN GROUND PERSONNEL
79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93
TO YOU FROM BRISBANE. STOP. PRESS FROM YOUR END. STOP. STAFF
94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107
OFFICERS SCARCE. HOW FAR CAN YOU PROVIDE THROUGH PROMOTION? HOW ARE
108 109 110 111 112 113 114
YOUR RELATIONS WITH RAF? C.

L.C.

JANUARY 19, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
HEARTILY CONCUR YOUR CABLE SEVENTEENTH. AM HOPEFUL MATTER CAN BE
11-12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19-20 21-22 23 24
WORKED OUT AGGEEABLE TO YOU. AM RECOMMENDING LEND LEASE DOLLAR
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34
GRANT RATHER THAN LOAN WITH JUSTIFICATION TO CONGRESS NEED FOR
35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45
AID FOR INTERNAL CHINESE MILITARY EXPENDITURES. THIS WAY AVOID
46-47 48 49-50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58-62 63 64 65
TERMS, DEFAULTS, ETC. HOWEVER, SOME CONFUSION AROSE. WHAT IS
66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77
YOUR MILITARY AND TOTAL BUDGET FOR FORTY-TWO? C.

L. C.

JANUARY 19, 1942.

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CHUNGKING CHINA

HEARTILY CONCUR YOUR CABLE SEVENTEENTH. AM HOPEFUL MATTER CAN BE
WORKED OUT AGGEEABLE TO YOU. AM RECOMMENDING LEND LEASE DOLLAR
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The White House

Washington

JAN 21 6 45 PM 1942 JANUARY 21, 1942.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
ASK CONFIRMATION OUR INFORMATION FIFTH ARMY CORPS AT WANTUNG
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
SIXTH CORPS NEAR PUERH. STRONGLY ADVISE MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION OF
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43
TROOPS AND TRUCKS AT BORDER LOOKING TOWARD DEFENSE OF CENTRAL AND
44 45 46
NORTHERN BURMA. C.

L. C.

(Charge to White House)

The White House
Washington

JAN 21 2 35 PM 1942

January 21, 1942.

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CHUNGKING

1 2-67 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
FOR GROCO. ASSUME THAT YOU ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO

17 18-20 21-22 23 24-28 29 30 31 32 33
OBTAIN P40 SPARES FROM HOEHH SILVER STAR AND TO MOVE

33-36 37-38 39 40 41 42
P48 SPARES UP COUNTRY. C.

L.C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)

January 31, 1942.

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CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
FOR GROCO. OWING TO DIFFICULTY OF ASSEMBLING FERRY PILOTS
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
AND THE SPEED OF THE BOAT, P-40Es WILL GO TO INDIA BY BOAT.
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43
SHOULD ARRIVE BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY. HOPE TO GET YOUR SPARE
44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60
PARTS FLOWN. 30 P43s HAVE LEFT BY BOAT. WE WILL ARRANGE FOR
61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77
ASSEMBLY IN INDIA. HUDSONS WILL BE READY BY FEBRUARY 20.
78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88
PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY COMBAT CREWS THOUGH NO FINAL DECISION
89 90 91
YET. C.

L.C

JANUARY 31, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
OWING TO FOX DELAY AND CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS PRESIDENT

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
DECIDED PUSH AHEAD ON LOAN. WORKING ON AIR FREIGHT

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
SERVICE SADIYA-MYITKYINA. HAS BRITISH ATTITUDE CHANGED

44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55
RE CHINESE AID IN BURMA. ARE THERE ANY CHANGES IN

56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74
YOUR FORCES THERE. STILWELL IS HIGHLY REGARDED. C.

L. C.

FEBRUARY 2, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
FOR GROCO. BELIEVE IT TO BE IN CHINA'S INTEREST FOR
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
YOU TO ACCEPT COMMAND OF (A) PORTION OF GROUP THAT
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
WISHES REMAIN VOLUNTEER (B) REGULAR ARMY PURSUIT
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50
(C) REGULAR MEDIUM BOMBERS (D) CHINESE GROUPS.
51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70
HALVERSEN WOULD COMMAND HEAVY BOMBERS. BISSELL OVER
71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81
ALL. STOP. ALTHOUGH ATTITUDE TOWARD YOU IN ARMY IS
82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95
EXCELLENT BISSELL WOULD BE IN MUCH BETTER POSITION
96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104
SECURE ARMY COOPERATION FOR REALLY LARGE SCALE EFFORT.
105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113
TRUST YOU UNDERSTAND MY MOTIVE IN SUGGESTING SACRIFICE
114 115 116 117 118
ON YOUR PART. C.

L. C.

FEBRUARY 3, 1942.

CARE

SEGAC. VICE ROY, DELHI, INDIA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
FOR GROCO. BOAT WITH P40'S MUST PROCEED WEST AFRICA.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FERRY PILOTS. COULD YOU SPARE TWENTY
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37
PILOTS TO PROCEED BY CNAC TO CALCUTTA BY FEBRUARY TENTH
38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46
THENCE BY FERRY COMMAND WITH ANOTHER TWENTY-TWO BY
47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56
FEBRUARY 20. POSSIBILITY OF TRADING OUR PLANES FOR UNUSED
57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72
P40'S AT CAIRO. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. 4300 PISTON RINGS
73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88
WERE ON VESSEL EXCELLER. COULD YOU FORM CHINESE GROUP TO
89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104
BE ASSIGNED HUDSONS WITH SOME AMERICAN OFFICERS. PURSUIT
105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120
REPLACEMENTS 33 WILL FLY THEM OUT. ACKNOWLEDGE. C.

L. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)

FEBRUARY 5, 1942.

SEGAC
c/o VICEROY
DELHI
INDIA

¹ ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹⁻¹³
ADVISE ON POSSIBILITIES OF HIGHWAY RIVER TRANSPORT ASSAM
¹⁴ ¹⁵ ¹⁶ ¹⁷ ¹⁸ ¹⁹ ²⁰ ²¹ ²² ²³
NORTHERN BURMA ²⁴ NECESSARY TO FIND SOME ROUTE THAT CAN
²⁵ ²⁶ ²⁷ ²⁸ ²⁹ ³⁰
BE PUT INTO OPERATION QUICKER THAN SADIYA SICHANG ROUTE.

C.

L.C.

February 6, 1942.

SEXTAC, ^{care} VICEEROY, DELHI, (INDIA.)

FOR GROCO. ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹ ¹⁰ ¹¹ ¹² TRADE OF PLANES WITH BRITISH NOT FEASIBLE.
YOUR PILOTS ¹³ ¹⁴ ¹⁵ ¹⁶ ¹⁷ WOULD PROCEED TAKARADI. C.

P. G.

(Charge to Lend-Lease)

FEBRUARY 8 1942

SEGAC

CARE VICEROY DELHI (INDIA)

NINE TRANSPORT PLANES TO BE DELIVERED THIS MONTH. TWENTY EIGHT
IN MARCH. SECRET. ALSO THIRTY SIX 155 HOWITZERS SHORTLY. NO ANSWER
RECEIVED MY FEBRUARY 3. C.

SEGAC
c/o VICEROY
DELHI
INDIA

26
1-6 7 8-16 17 18 19-25 27-31 32-33
ARNOLD AND STILLWELL INSIST ON BISSELL. GROCO OPPOSES
34-35 36 37 38 39-40
EQUALLY STRONGLY. STOP. IN THE INTERESTS OF SECURING
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 52 53 54-55 56 57
LARGE SCALE MATERIEL SUPPORT I WIRED GROCO THROUGH T. V.
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69
INFORMING HIM OF DECISION AND ASKING HIM TO BE CONTENT
70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80
WITH FULL AND FREE PURSUIT COMMAND. YOU COULD HELP IN
81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90
EASING THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION. ARMY IS PREPARED TO
91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106
MAKE GROCO A B. G. SHORTLY. HIS SERVICES MUST NOT BE
107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122
LOST. BISSELL CAN GET EQUIPMENT AND IN OPERATION HE
123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132
WILL BE UNDER STILLWELL AND GENERALISSIMO. C.

LC

FEBRUARY 11, 1942

SEGAC
c/o VICEROY
DELHI
INDIA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7-8 9
RECEIVED ONE MESSAGE FROM CALCUTTA DATED FEBRUARY SIXTH,
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
NONE FEBRUARY SEVENTH. IS GROCO SENDING PILOTS AS
20 21 22 23
REQUESTED. C.

L.C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)

FEBRUARY 25, 1942.

SEGAC
KUNMING
CHINA

1 ADVISED FERRY PLANE AT CALCUTTA. TRYING TO HAVE BALANCE OF
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
PILOTS SENT FROM HERE FOR FERRYING. DAWSON'S MEN TRAINING TO
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48
FLY HUDSONS. YOUR REPORT GROCO'S ATTITUDE PUZZLING AS I
49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61
RECEIVED MESSAGE THROUGH T. V. FEBRUARY 16 AS FOLLOWS QUOTE
62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73
YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE IN ANY
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83
ORGANIZATION AND IN ANY CAPACITY DETERMINED TO BE MOST EFFICIENT
84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93
FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION END QUOTE. WHAT IS PRESENT STATUS
94 95 96 97 98 99 100
RE CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA.
101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109
FOLLOWING FROM OMITA. IN VIEW OF KEY IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL
110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121
AS WELL AS MILITARY PROBLEMS IN INDIA IF GENERALISSIMO WISHES
122 123 124-125 126 127 128 129-130 131 132
TO COMMUNICATE IDEAS OR EMPHASIZE PARTICULAR FACTS WHICH COULD
133 134 135 136 137-138 139 140 141-142 143 144 145
BE MORE EFFECTIVELY CONVEYED IN AN UNOFFICIAL MANNER THAN THROUGH
146 147 148 149-150 151 152-153 154 155 156
FORMAL AND OFFICIAL CHANNELS SUGGEST CABLING ME. C.

L.C.

(to be charged to White House)

FEBRUARY 27, 1942.

SEGAC
KUNMING
CHINA

FOR GROCO
NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVEMENT OF P FORTY'S COMPLETED INVOLVING
RELIANCE ON YOU FOR TWELVE PILOTS ONLY. MAXWELL SENDING DC THREE
TO CALCUTTA FOR PICK UP. C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)

March 23, 1942.

SEGAC CHUNGKING

¹
FOR ²
GROCO

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
SUGGEST YOU ASK STILWELL TO REQUEST FOUR
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22-28 29
G L DETECTION SETS WITH TRAINED OPERATORS. HUDSONS NOW
30-31 32 33 34 35 36 37 STOP
SCHEDULED TO LEAVE EARLY APRIL . C. 21

MARCH 31, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING

(MRH PV)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
INDECISION THERE RE AIR COMMAND AND INDUCTION HURTING
10 11 12 13-18 19 20 21 22 23
PROGRAM HERE. ARNOLD STILL ADAMANT THOUGH I THINK
24-28 29-30-31- 32-33 34 35 36-40
GMO'S WISHES WOULD BE CONTROLLING. HOPE GROCO KEEPS
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48
IN MIND POSSIBILITY OF LARGE SCALE EFFORT RATHER THAN
49 50-52 54
JUST AVG. 53 C.

L.C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease)

March 31, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING

1 2 3 4-5 6-7 8 9-10 11 12 13
FOR GROCO. 5,000 LBS SPARE PARTS BETWEEN CAIRO AND
14-20 21 22 23 24 25 26-27 30 31
KARACHI MORE FOLLOWING. ASK COL LOGG CONTROL OFFICER
32-38 39 40 41 42 43-45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53-60
KARACHI TO EXPEDITE. FIFTY P40E BEING FERRIED. 21 EAST OF KARACHI.
61 62 63 64 65-72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79-81
30 P43 AT KARACHI. 74 MORE EN ROUTE PLUS 43 P66.
82 83 84 85 86 87-93 94 95 96-100
22 PILOT REPLACEMENTS UNDER BAUMLER FERRYING P40E'S. 111
102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112
33 PILOT REPLACEMENTS SHOULD FERRY HUDSONS SHORTLY. 114
117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132
HAVE ASKED ARNOLD FOR 50 GROUND PERSONNEL FROM INDIA.
133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150
ASSUME STILLWELL IS MAKING SAME REQUEST OF BREHETON. 151
152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170
RE INDUCTION AND YOUR STATUS ARMY HAS BEEN WAITING ON
171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190
STILWELL. CHINESE CADETS YOU SELECTED MAKING EXCELLENT
79 74 174 176 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190
IMPRESSION. ATTENDED GRADUATION WITH MESSAGE FROM
181 182 183
PRESIDENT. C.

L. C.

(Charge to Lend-lease administration)

April 2, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING

1 2 3- 10- 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
GENERALS BRERETON OR NAIDEN IN INDIA MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO STILWELL
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45
ARNOLD AND CHENNAULT AS COMPROMISE FOR COMMAND. THIS SUGGESTION
46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. STILL BELIEVE GMO'S WISHES AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF
61 62 63 64 65
SHOULD BE CONTROLLING. C.

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(Charge to White House)

April 7, 1942

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11-13
HAS QUESTION OF AIR COMMAND BEEN SETTLED. HAS AVG
14-15 16-22 23 24 25-26 27
REPRESENTATIVES AT KARACHI AND CALCUTTA TO EXPEDITE
28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
DELIVERIES OF PLANES AND SPARES. C.

L.C.

(to be charged to Lend-Lease Administration)

April 11, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6-15 16 17 18 19 20
THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MORGENTHAU FEELS DISAPPOINTED AND
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
HURT THAT HIS ADVICE HAS NOT BEEN SOUGHT IN USE OF LOAN.
34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45
FOX BROUGHT ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD BE. WOULD BE DIPLOMATIC
46 47 48 49-53 54 55 56 57 58- 59 60 61
GESTURE TO BRING ADLER AND LATER FOX IN DISCUSSIONS TO KEEP
62 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81
MORGENTHAU INFORMED. REQUEST FOR INTEREST FREE FUNDS PRIOR
82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95
TO ACTUAL NEED WHICH FUNDS WE HAVE TO BORROW AND THEN FOR YOU
96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108
TO INVEST IN U.S. GOVERNMENT BONDS MAY EXPOSE CHINA TO CHARGE
109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121
LATER IN CONGRESS OF BEING GRASPING OR GUILTY OF SHARP TRADING. C.

R. C.

(Charge to White House)

APRIL 20, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
AM ASSURED BY ARNOLD THAT ALL PLANES SENT ARE FOR GMO AND
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
STILWELL. 213 PURSUITS SENT 40 MORE (IN TEN DAYS). BRERETON
34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47
IS UNDER STILWELL. HE HOPES STILWELL WILL GIVE BRERETON
48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62
SOME WHICH HE WILL REPLACE BUT THAT IS DEFINITELY UP TO STILWELL.
63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73
JOINT STAFF DIRECTED ONE AMERICAN PURSUIT GROUP FOR INDIA.
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90
ARNOLD THINKS PURSUITS ON WAY MORE THAN AVG CAN HANDLE
91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102
IMMEDIATELY. I AM TRYING TO HAVE BRITISH SEND MORE PURSUITS
103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115
TO INDIA TWO TO HAVE MORE PURSUITS AND BOMBERS SET UP FOR
116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123
MAY DELIVERY TO CHINA. WILL ADVISE.)

Correction ~~and~~ INSERT IN TEN
DAYS AFTER 40 MORE.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)

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APRIL 20, 1942.

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CHUNGKING

CHINA

1 2 3 4 5-7 8 9 10 11
FOR GROCO HELPFUL IF STILWELL WOULD REQUEST 6 RADIO
12 13-20 21 22-27 28 29 30 31 32
AIRCRAFT LOCATORS 16 BEFORE FOR IMMEDIATE USE. C.

R. C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)

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CHUNGKING CHINA

APRIL 25, 1942

1 2 3 4 5 6-7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
ONE: SOME 45000 TONS OF NON SELF MOVING CHINESE SUPPLIES HAVE
16 17-18 19 20 21 22 23 24-25 26 27 28 29
BEEN SHIPPED INDIA. OVER 100,000 TONS OF NON CRITICAL BEING
30 31 32 33 34-35 36 37-38 39 40 41-42 43
HELD HERE TYING UP 1,800 FREIGHT CARS, SOME SUPPLIES ARE
44-45 46 47-48 49 50 51-52 53 54 55 56-57
DETERIORATING, TIGHTNESS IN SHIPPING GETTING WORSE. NOT BELIEVED
58 59-60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68-69 70 71-72
LAND ROUTES INTO CHINA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 6 MONTHS. SUPPLIES
73 74 75 76 77-78 79 80-81 82 83 84
IN INDIA PLUS CURRENT SHIPMENTS CRITICAL ITEMS WILL OCCUPY AIR
85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93
TRANSPORT FOR SOME TIME. THEREFORE ARMY WOULD LIKE TO DIVERT
94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105
NOW MANY NON CRITICAL ITEMS. STIMSON WILL UNDERTAKE TO PROMISE
106 107 108 109 110 111-112 113 114 115 116
RESTORATION BEFORE INDIA-CHINA ROUTES OPEN. HOWEVER FEARFUL
117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127
OF MISUNDERSTANDING. APPEAL TO ME TO EXPLAIN SITUATION. AM
128-129 130-131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139
PERSONALLY SATISFIED OF GOOD FAITH OF ARMY IN MATTER.

140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148-149 150-151 152
TWO: REACTION TO TIMES AND ATLANTIC ARTICLES UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE.⁴³
154 155 156 157-158 159
GENERAL FEELING CRITICISM JUSTIFIED.

160-161 162-163 164 165 166-167 168-169 170 171 172
THREE: SOUNDED OUT OPPOSITION SENATORS INFORMALLY ON LOAN.
173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184
FIRST REACTION WAS IF YOU RECEIVE INTEREST YOU SHOULD PAY INTEREST.
185 186 187
WILL PURSUE MATTER.¹⁸⁸
189 190 191 192 193 194-99 200 201 202-3 204 205-7 208
FOUR: HOPE ORDNANCE ON EXIRIA CAN BE RUSHED TO STILWELL.

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C.

L.C.

(Charge to Lend-Lease Administration)

April 29, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING CHINA

¹ SECRETARY ² TREASURY ³⁻⁴ ASKS ⁵ ME ⁶ TO ⁷ CONVEY ⁸ HIS ⁹ PLEASURE
¹⁰ OVER ¹¹ DR ¹²⁻¹⁷ KUNG'S ¹⁸ MESSAGE ¹⁹⁻²⁰ WELCOMING ²¹ ADVICE ²² AND ²³⁻²⁴ SUGGESTIONS. ²⁵ C. ²⁶

L. C.

(Charge to White House)

May 4, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
HAVE LEARNED THAT GENERAL MARSHALL IS CONCERNED
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
OVER THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF ANY EXPRESSION OF
17 18 19 20 21 22 23
OPINION, APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL BY GMO ABOUT
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
STILWELL OR INDICATION OF HIS DESIRES OVER FUTURE
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46
MOVEMENTS OF STILWELL. WAR DEPT HAS SOUGHT TO
47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55
PLAY DOWN PUBLICITY ON STILWELL AND PLAY UP
56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63
CHINESE ROLE. PERSONALLY BELIEVE FRANK EXPRESSION
64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73
OF VIEWS WOULD BE HELPFUL AS GUIDANCE FOR MARSHALL. C.

L.C.

(Charge to White House)

May 15, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
RE OMITTA IN ADDITION TO SUPPORT OF CHINA IN EQUAL
PARTNERSHIP YOU MAY WISH STRESS LAID ON CHINA'S WAR AIMS. C.

L.C.

(Charge to White House)

MAY 26, 1942.

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CHUNGKING

CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
EVERY POSSIBLE MEASURE HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO MEET THE SITUATION
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
DESCRIBED IN YOUR MESSAGE OF MAY 23rd. THE 10th AIR FORCE OFFERS
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
THE MOST IMMEDIATE MEANS OF EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE. ORDERS WERE ISSUED
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51
MAY 24th PLACING IT COMPLETELY UNDER GENERAL STILWELL'S CONTROL, TO
52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66
BE EMPLOYED AT HIS DISCRETION IN THE CHINA-BURMA-INDIA REGION.
67-68/69 70-71 72 73-74 75 76-77 78 79 80
STILWELL HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THESE INSTRUCTIONS, REITERATES HIS BELIEF
81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95
IN THE DECISIVE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF CHINA, AND STATES THAT PLANS
96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110
ARE COMPLETE FOR MAXIMUM EMPLOYMENT OF 10th AIR FORCE IN DIRECT
111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125
SUPPORT OF CHINA THEATER AND WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT AT THE EARLIEST
126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140
POSSIBLE TIME. 10th AIR FORCE IS BEING STRONGLY REINFORCED BY
141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155
PLANES NOW ENROUTE AND BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS, AN AIRCRAFT WARNING
156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170
COMPANY, ENGINEER AND MEDICAL UNITS, AND THE GROUND ECHELON OF TWO
171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185
MEDIUM BOMBARDMENT SQUADRONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE LEAVING IMMEDIATELY.

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C.

L. G.
Charge to Lend Lease Admin

June 1, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING CHINA

FROM ^{17 15}OMITA TO HOLLINGTON TONG
RADIO TUBES AS REQUESTED BEING SHIPPED BY AIR IMMEDIATELY
CONSIGNED TO YOU AT CHUNGKING. SUGGEST HAVE YOUR ACCREDITED
AGENT KARACHI TAKE DELIVERY FOR FURTHER SHIPMENT TO CHINA.
HAVE USED HIGHEST PRIORITIES TO SECURE MATERIAL AND SHIPMENT.
WILL YOU ARRANGE TO REIMBURSE UNIVERSAL TRADING CORPORATION.

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L. E.

Charge to Lend-Lease Administration

June 17, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
RECEIVED LETTERS VIA MAGRUDER. WILL BE ABLE TO
14 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
ANSWER YOUR CABLE OF MAY THIRTY FIRST IN FEW DAYS. C.

R.C.

(Charge to White House)

JUNE 17, 1942

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

¹ PRESIDENT CANNOT SPARE HOPKINS. ² HE HAS SUGGESTED ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹ ¹⁰ ¹¹
¹² GOING. ¹³ PLEASE KEEP STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. ¹⁴ ¹⁵ ¹⁶ ¹⁷ ¹⁸ ¹⁹ ²⁰ ²¹ WILL
²² ADVISE. ²³ C. ²⁴

R. G.

(to be charged to White House)

Office of the White House
Washington
JUN 24 6 04 PM 1942

June 24, 1942.

SEGAC CHUNGKING

1 2 3 4-5 6 7-8 9
NOTHING DEFINITE PENDING DEVELOPMENTS CHURCHILL CONFERENCES.

10 11 12 13 14
CAN ADVISE SOON. C.

L.C.

(Charge to White House)

JUNE 26, 1942

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

¹ ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹ ¹⁰ ¹¹
All set. Will leave latter part next week. No publicity
¹² ¹³
yet. C.

R. C.

(Charge to White House)

June 26, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING

¹INFORMED ²T.V. ³WISHES ⁴OF ⁵PRESIDENT ⁶RE ⁷MY ⁸GOING. ⁹HE ¹⁰SAID ¹¹I
¹²COULD ¹³ACCOMPLISH ¹⁴NOTHING ¹⁵ASKED ¹⁶ME ¹⁷TO ¹⁸INFORM ¹⁹PRESIDENT ²⁰TO
²¹THAT ²²EFFECT ²³AND ²⁴HE ²⁵WOULD ²⁶DO ²⁷LIKewise. ²⁸SORRY. ²⁹STOP. ³⁰I ³¹DID
³²NOT ³³SAY ³⁴I ³⁵HAD ³⁶ALREADY ³⁷CABLED ³⁸YOU.C.

R. G.

(Charge to White House)

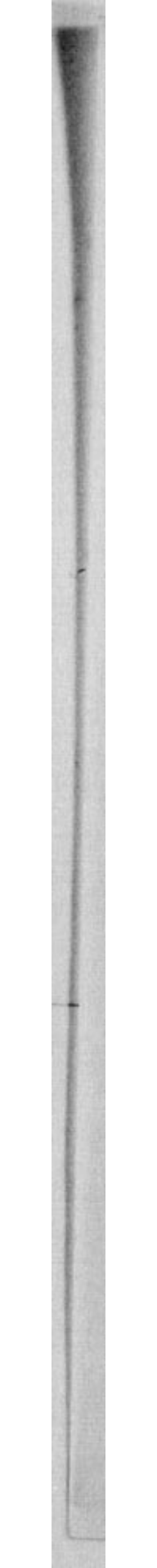
JULY 2, 1942.

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CHUNGKING
CHINA

Departure scheduled July 6th. C.

L. C.

US Dept of
Howe, Ramsey
JP
(to be charged to White House)



AUGUST 26, 1942.

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CHUNGKING

1-2 3 4 5 6 7-8 9 10-11-12 13 14
ARRIVED SAFE AND WELL. PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NOW BEING
15-16 17 18 19 20 21 22-23 24-25
STUDIED BY PRESIDENT AND WAR-DEPARTMENT. RECEIVED AIDE
26-27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37-38 39
MEMOIRE THROUGH T.-V. STATES UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED ON
40 41-42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49-50 51
VARIOUS POINTS. YOU WILL RECALL I WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO
52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65
MAKE COMMITMENTS. STOP. IN 32 WORDS QUOTE ON WHICH TITLE
66 67-68 69 70 71 72 73-74 75 76-
HAS BEEN PASSED TO CHINA UNQUOTE SHOULD BE INSERTED AFTER LEND
77 78 79 80-81 82 83
- LEASE SUPPLIES. STOP. THIS DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN SUPPLIES
84-85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95
SHIPPED BEFORE AND AFTER MAY FIRST. STOP. PRESIDENT HEARTENED
96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103-4 105 106 107
BY MY REPORT. WILL WIRE MORE FULLY NEXT WEEK. C.

SENT AT 205 A.M.
KI

August 27, 1942

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

FOR DR. KUNG. 3 4-5 6 7-9-9 10
MRS. FOX. 13 C.

L. C.

(to be charged to White House)

SEPTEMBER 3, 1942.

SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1. ✓ 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.
LATTIMORE WILL RETURN AS YOU SUGGEST FOR TEMPORARY DUTY
10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.
CHUNGKING UNDER YOUR ORDERS HOWEVER IF ACCEPTABLE TO YOU
21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30.
PRESIDENT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD ALLOW HIM TO
31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43.
RESIGN AFTER SHORT VISIT TO RETURN TO AMERICA TO TAKE OVER
44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55.
NEWS AND PROPAGANDA SUPERVISION FOR ENTIRE PACIFIC AREA
56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67.
UNDER OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION. IF YOU AGREE THIS CAN BE
68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75.
ANNOUNCED FROM EITHER CHUNGKING OR WASHINGTON WHEN
76. 77. 78. 79. 80.
LATTIMORE LEAVES HERE. C.

L.C.

(Charge to Lend-lease)

September 14, 1942.

SEGAC

CHUNGKING

CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11-12
PROGRESS SLOW. ENOUGH ADDITIONAL COMBAT PLANES SET UP TO TAX
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
CAPACITY OF AIR TRANSPORT INCLUDING NEW PLANES FOR SOME MONTHS.
27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
DETAILS FROM STILWELL. NO AMERICAN DIVISION YET. C.

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SEGAC
CHUNGKING
CHINA

1 PROBLEM OF BURMA OFFENSIVE IS STILL UNDER ACTIVE STUDY. ONE
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12 DIFFICULTY IS COMPLICATED COMMAND QUESTION. STOP. IS SITUATION
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FOR DR KUNG. AFTER DISCREET SOUNDINGS CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT
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NOBODY WILL OBJECT TO INVESTMENT OF TWO HUNDRED MILLION BUT
28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
YOU HAVE A GOOD CASE AND I SHOULD TAKE A CHANCE ON IT. C.

P.C.

OCTOBER 10, 1942.

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CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10-11-12
HAVE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO TRANSFER AIR FERRY OPERATIONS
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21-22 23 24 25
FROM 10th AIR TO AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND. BELIEVE THIS WILL
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
INSURE BETTER OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT FROM THIS END. POSITION
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47
YOU SUGGESTED FOR ME LOOKS LIKE REAL POSSIBILITY. C.

LTC

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October 13, 1942

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CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
HAVE CONSIDERED WHERE I COULD BE OF MOST SERVICE. NOW CONVINCED IT
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
IS THERE. ABILITY TO INFLUENCE HERE IS STEADILY DECREASING AS
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39
ARMY TAKES OVER AND PRESIDENT MORE AND MORE REFRAINS FROM MILITARY
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55
DECISIONS. THEREFORE HAD PLANNED IN ANY CASE SHORTLY TO RESIGN AND
56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65
ACCEPT LONG TERM APPOINTMENT ON RESERVE BOARD TO WORK ON POST WAR
66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. NOW NEW POSSIBILITY OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO ENLIST
82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92
SUPPORT OF POWERFUL STATE DEPARTMENT. MY DIRECT ACCESS USEFUL ONLY
93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101
BECAUSE REGULAR CHANNEL WAS UNSATISFACTORY. IF LATTER SATISFACTORY
102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113
IT PROVIDES BETTER ACCESS. IF I DON'T ACCEPT YOU WILL GET LESS
114 115 116 117
UNDERSTANDING PERSON THERE AND SHORTLY NO ONE HERE. C.

L.C.

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CHINA

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
SHOULD ADD TO MESSAGE THIRTEENTH THAT ANOTHER FACTOR OF IMPORTANCE
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
IS RESULTING GREATER AUTHORITY LATER TO INFLUENCE POST WAR POLITICAL
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44
ECONOMIC DECISIONS RE CHINA STOP. INITIATIVE IN THIS PROPOSAL TAKEN
45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55
BY PRESIDENT AND STATE DEPARTMENT AND I COULD COUNT ON FULL SUPPORT
56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68
STOP. I WOULD DELAY DEPARTURE UNTIL MORE WORK DONE ON COMMISSIONS
69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85
ENTRUSTED ME. WILL SERVE HERE AS LONG AS TRULY USEFUL BUT MUST SOON
86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96
CONSIDER OWN LONG TERM INTEREST. APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY. C.

L. C.

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1 2 3 4-5 6 7 8-12
IN STRICT CONFIDENCE PROSPECTS EXCELLENT FOR ALLOCATION
13-14 15 16 17 18 19-20-21 22
SHORTLY OF DOZEN FOUR ENGINE TRANSPORTS. C.

A. G.

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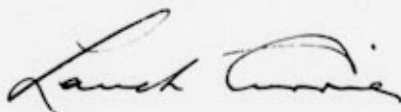
November 13, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Re: Conversation re. Chennault.

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

I'll know more about this whole situation when Lattimore arrives.



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The White House
Washington

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FOR GENERALISSIMO. HAVE LAID BEFORE THE PRESIDENT THE VIEWS
YOU DISCUSSED WITH ME JUST BEFORE I LEFT CHINA. HE RECEIVED
THEM VERY CORDIALLY. WHILE THE TIME HAS NOT YET COME TO
INITIATE DISCUSSION OF DETAILS THROUGH FORMAL CHANNELS, HIS
BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS OF WESTERN PACIFIC IS VERY
SIMILAR TO YOURS AND VERY SYMPATHETIC AND HE FEELS THAT IN DUE
TIME DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT SATISFACTORILY. STOP. IN THE
NORTHWESTERN AREA IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONSULT A THIRD
PARTY. STOP. IN THE SOUTHWESTERN AREA THE PRESIDENT FINDS
THAT CHURCHILL IS RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF HANDLING, BY MEANS
OF TRUSTEESHIP, A LARGE NUMBER OF COLONIAL PROBLEMS IN A WAY
THAT WILL SHOW A MARKED AND RAPID ADVANCE OVER PREVIOUS CONCEPTS
OF COLONIAL SOVEREIGNTY AND OVER MANDATE METHODS AS APPLIED UNDER
LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

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L. G.

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