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CLAULT SHANGHAI

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PARAONE 413 IN LANDING ACCIDENT 050010 ZEBRA STOP NO REPEAT NO PERSONNEL INJURED
IN ANY WAY STOP PILOT BUOL WITH WHEATE, CHANDLER AND GLASS MADE NORMAL LANDING
AFTER 10 HOURS FIRST TEST FLIGHT STOP TWO THIRDS LANDING ROLL COMPLETED LEFT
LANDING GEAR COLLAPSED CAUSING LEFT WING TO DRAG THE AIRPLANE IN A 180 DEGREE
GROUND SKID STOP LEFT WING DAMAGED BEYOND ECONOMICAL REPAIR CAN USE WING FROM
CANNIBALIZED 515 FOR REPLACEMENT HAVE ENGINE AND PROPELLER FOR REPLACEMENT INBOARD
NACELLE STRUCTURE REQUIRES REBUILDING ALL COMPONENTS AVAILABLE FROM CANNIBALIZATION
LANDING GEAR WASHED OUT BUT OTHER AVAILABLE ALL OTHER MAJOR STRUCTURE UNDAMAGED
STOP REPAIR TIME ESTIMATED THREE TO FOUR WEEKS USING TWO CAT TECHNICIANS AND FOUR
LOCAL SPECIALISTS STOP THIS AIRPLANE CAN CARRY LOAD OF SPARES PROCURED BY CLAYTON
AND CAN BE FLOWN BY PILOT KESSLER WHO IS LEAVING WASHINGTON ABOUT 20 APRIL STOP
GIVE ME INFORMATION CONCERNING INSURANCE IF RELATIVE TO THIS ACCIDENT PARATWO
FOLLOWING PERSONS SCHEDULED ABOARD 405 DEPARTING 16 APRIL BUOL WHEATE WINGFIELD
BROWN SCHULTZ DESTINED CANTON BURKETT TO MANILA STOP REMAINING HONOLULU GLASS
AND CHANDLER FOR 413 REPAIR DAVIS AND FREEMAN TO CLOSE OUT CAT BUSINESS HARTWELL
TO ASSIST CLAYTON STOP ALL WILL FLY CANTON ABOARD 413 PARATHREE CANNIBALIZED
AIRCRAFT ARE 44-78514 and 44-78515 PARAFOUR UNTIL REQUIRED CAT PURCHASES COMPLETED
HONOLULU NO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER MANILA PARAFIVE RETURNING CREWS REPORT
NEW OVERWATER EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT LOANED TO CAT BY HAWAIIAN AIR DEPOT ON
ACQUISITION COST DEPOSIT BASIS BEING HELD IN PASSENGER BRIEFING TERMINAL SHANGHAI
STOP TO DATE ALL SUCH EQUIPMENT RETURNED HERE HAS NOT BEEN OURS IT IS WASHED OUT AND
UNACCEPTABLE BY HAD PLEASE INVESTIGATE FULLY AND ADVISE

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