

September 9, 1947

Mrs. Ruth B. Shipley,
Chief, Passport Division,
Winder Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Shipley:

General Chennault has asked me to assist the Refining Associates, Inc. of Los Angeles, California, to obtain necessary clearance for a party of five of their personnel to inspect oil and other lubricants purchased from the Chinese and at present located at:

Saipan	Okinawa
Guam	Mannus
Tinian	Iwojima

for shipment to China.

The names of persons concerned are:

Francis Howard Lindus
Allan Oswald Marsh
Harold Floyd Hutton
Charles L. Kievert
Harry Ayres

Mr. Lindus and Mr. Marsh already have validated passports. Mr. Hutton and Mr. Kievert have applied for passports from San Francisco and Mr. Ayres is applying at Honolulu.

I have already contacted Navy Department for clearance for this party and would appreciate any advice you may be able to give me to expedite the issuance of the necessary clearance as the party wish to leave Los Angeles on September 17th and my only contact with them is by telephone to the West Coast.

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For your information, this oil and other lubricants are urgently needed by General Chennault in China for the running of his airline. The oil is scattered all over the islands mentioned and it will take some time to separate and prepare the oil for shipment to China.

Thanking you again for any assistance you may be able to give me to expedite the issuance of the clearance,

Yours very truly,

Dorcen Louberg
Executive Secretary