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General C. L. Chennault  
President  
Civil Air Transport  
No. 17 The Bund  
Shanghai.

Dear General Chennault:

With the establishment of the new CAT, Civil Air Transport, more planes will be needed to bring up the strength of your fleet in accordance with the terms of the agreement approved by the Ministry.

With the increasing demand of air lifting capacities in this country for the transportation of vital cargos and maintaining of flow of traffic among places and commercial centers not accessible through other efficient means, replacement of aircraft and a constant flow of supply of spare parts become a vital part and immediate requirement for an efficient conduct of air service operations in China today.

I understand that you have numerous planes grounded requiring major overhauls at the Tien-Ho airfield in Canton, and it is hoped that these planes can be put into operable condition so that your fleet can be replenished continuously with airworthy planes.

I have learned that you are proceeding to the United States in an attempt to arrange for an increase for C.A.T.'s operable fleet by releasing some of your planes bought from the Foreign Liquidation Commission for spare parts from the present prohibition imposed under the details of sale against operation of these airplanes.

This country no doubt is in need of an efficient and reliable air transportation and C.A.T. has made great contributions and achievement in this regard. I hope that your mission will be successful and that you will be able, in due course, to bring up the size of your fleet to full strength to take care of some of the great need.

With my kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Ango Tai*  
Ango Tai, Director  
Civil Aeronautics Administration  
Ministry of Communications

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