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Washington, D. C.

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Dear General:

At a meeting with Colonel Harris and other UNRRA officers on the 1st, they have given approval in policy to the project. They have very little information here in Washington about how to proceed and I could give them very little.

I sent you a long cable today explaining that they have cabled China for authority to dispense funds for purchases on my requisition. They have allocated some \$360,000 of the \$1,000,000 Foreign Exchange fund for payment of pilots salaries, something like \$400,000 for POL. They told me that if UNRRA bought the POL supplies we could get them much cheaper than through any other method, since they get their supplies from Army and Navy surplus.

I have also cabled you for the list of equipment needed. The Master Requisition List which was supposed to have been here is nowhere - Doreen has not seen it, Youngman did not have it and nobody in UNRRA has ever seen it. In order to get any action at all, I am more or less stepping out on my own to get some kind of requisition in to them. There was some doubt about UNRRA furnishing funds to buy Farrel's airplanes and parts and that is still under discussion.

While I realize that some of this will be ancient history by the time you receive this letter, I am writing to keep things as clear to you as possible on why certain things happen.

Contacted Clayton in Miami and asked him to draw up a list of spares for three C-47's. In addition to cable sent you, I have also cabled Lee in Honolulu hoping that you had forwarded this requisition list to him.

The UNRRA people asked me if we preferred Washington control over acquisition of supplies or China control. Recalling Willauer's feelings on this I suggested Washington control and hope this does not cause too much confusion.

Because of the comparative size and difficulty of installation between 200 watt and 750 watt beacon station, I am asking for a 200 watt station. I received a cable from Willauer asking how I was progressing on surplus Radio equipment for Pan American GLX-2 and point to point SCR-499. The Pan-American radio is unobtainable as it was manufactured by Pan American and they do not sell them. We can get the SCR-499, but am told by radio people here that the SCR-399, which is the same radio except in portable form, would be preferable. I gather from this cable there was no radio equipment in Hankow. If you will recall the day I left, somebody was going to Hankow to see if anything was available.

Will keep writing in order to prevent as much confusion as possible and suggest you do the same in addition to cables that are sent.

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Sincerely,

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