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The Commanding General,
Army Air Forces,
Washington, D. C.

Air Installation Division, ACAS-A.

Sir:

I have been instructed by General Chennault, President of CNRRA Air Transport, whose Head Offices are at Shanghai, China, to approach you in connection with the delivery of some seventeen C-46's from Honolulu.

These planes have been procured by United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration for CNRRA Air Transport. These planes will be used by CNRRA Air Transport in connection with their contract with the China National Relief & Rehabilitation Administration to deliver relief and other medical supplies to the devastated and famine stricken areas in China.

The planes are now being worked on by personnel of CNRRA Air Transport in Honolulu and should be ready to fly about two weeks from date. We propose to send the planes out as and when ready to fly and I have been advised by the Chief Pilot and Engineer who are both in Honolulu that the first contingent of five planes should be ready to fly about two weeks.

Request is now made for permission to use Air Transport Command facilities enroute from Honolulu to Shanghai, China and the following is information which you require:

1. Aircraft will be flown out as soon as ready. The first contingent of five planes should be ready to leave two weeks from date, followed by two flights of six planes each as maintenance is completed.
2. Permission is requested to use POL, billeting, communication, weather, radio and navigation facilities of Air Transport Command enroute from Honolulu to Canton, China.
3. Route Proposed: Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila, Canton. Alternative route, if ATC facilities are not available: Honolulu, Johnston, Kwagalien, Guam, Manila, Canton.

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4. The planes will not carry any paid passengers. All personnel carried will be personnel employed by CNRRA Air Transport who have been working on the planes in Honolulu and are going to work for CNRRA Air Transport in China.

5. Aircraft will only remain at each stop long enough to refuel, maintenance if necessary. Also rest for crew when necessary.

6. Purpose of Flight: Ferry service only. These planes will be used by CNRRA Air Transport in China.

Your assistance in granting the necessary permission will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Doreen Lonborg
Executive Secretary
CNRRA AIR TRANSPORT