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Mrs. Doreen Lonborg, Executive Secretary
CNRRA Air Transport
Hotel Washington
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lonborg:

This is in reply to your letter of 21 January 1947 requesting permission for CNRRA Air Transport to land at Johnston Island and Kwajalein in connection with ferrying seventeen C-46 aircraft from Wheeler Field, Honolulu, to Canton, China.

You have advised that the subject aircraft will not carry paid passengers and that the aircraft will remain at each stop only long enough to refuel and to receive maintenance work if necessary. You have also agreed to hold the Navy Department and the United States Government harmless from any claims arising out of or in connection with your operations at these bases and to comply with all regulations concerning operations at these bases prescribed by the Chief of Naval Operations and by the Commanding Officers of the bases.

War Department representatives have informed the Navy Department that the Air Transport Command will provide the necessary fueling services and facilities for your aircraft as Johnston Island and Kwajalein and that these flights will proceed in accordance with instructions from the Air Transport Command.

In view of the foregoing, the Chief of Naval Operations hereby authorizes CNRRA Air Transport to land at the Naval Air Station, Johnston Island and the Naval Air Base, Kwajalein in connection with ferrying seventeen (17) C-46 aircraft from Honolulu to Canton, China subject to the following conditions and such additional regulations as may be prescribed by the Commanding Officers of these bases:

1. All flights will be conducted in accordance with instructions from the Air Transport Command.
2. This authorization will remain effective only so long as the agreement of the Air Transport Command to provide services and facilities for your planes remains in effect, is subject to cancellation at any time by the Navy Department, and in any event shall terminate with the completion of the ferrying of the seventeenth plane.

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3. The Navy Department or its officers or agents will not be requested to furnish supplies, services or accommodations of any kind whatsoever except in the event of a bona fide emergency.
4. A flight plan, in accordance with Civil Air Regulation 60.250, shall be filed from the last point of departure on any flight to either of these bases.
5. A notification of arrival, in accordance with Civil Air Regulation 60.109, shall be filed immediately at the first point of landing on any flight from either of these bases.
6. All flights shall be so scheduled that there will be no planned overnight stops at either of these two bases.
7. A flight record of each aircraft landing at or departing from either of these bases shall be forwarded to the principal operations office of the company prior to departure for use in case of accident, and shall include the following:
 - (a) Date and type of flight
 - (b) Aircraft make, model and registry number
 - (c) Names of pilot and crew
 - (d) Point of departure
 - (e) Point of destination
 - (f) Route to be followed
 - (g) Estimated time of departure & arrival
 - (h) Amount of fuel on board (hours cruising)
 - (i) Names and addresses of passengers carried
8. The serial numbers of fourteen of these seventeen planes are:

44-78392	44-78540	44-78413	44-78539
44-78395	44-78409	44-78536	44-78528
44-78515	44-78524	44-78514	
44-78531	44-78532	44-78530	

The serial numbers of the three remaining planes shall be promptly furnished the Chief of Naval Operations and the commanding officers of these bases direct by your company.

Sincerely yours,

Frank O'Beirne /s/

FRANK O'BEIRNE
By Direction