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Personal

General of the Army George C. Marshall
Secretary of Defence
Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

I have not had the opportunity of renewing our old acquaintanceship since Nanking in 1946 although I attempted to see you when I was in Washington last summer but believe you were in Virginia at that time. In any event I am delighted to hear of the marvelous work that you are now doing and I am proud to list you as one of my old Tientsin acquaintances.

As you probably know, for several years recently I have been associated with a very unique organization called Civil Air Transport which operated in China. This was General Chennault's airline. There is in this airline the fellow who really runs it and a great friend of mine, one Whiting Willauer. Willauer has a very interesting background during the last war running the civilian Land Lease for China. Right now under Willauer's leadership the CAT organization is doing some very interesting things which I feel are a great contribution to the problem of air transport in the peculiar circumstances of the Far East. For instance, they themselves are completely mobile by putting all of their machinery and spare parts on a floating installation. Willauer is on his way to Washington and while I do not wish to impose on you, I think from a patriotic view point it would be worth your while to spend a few minutes with him and then "pick his brain" through your various staff members.

My very best personal regards to you and
Mrs. Marshall.

Sincerely,



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