

JAPAN ----- KOREA

Memorandum NO.

DATE: 27 November 1951

C O N F I D E N T I A L

TO: Director of Operations
FROM: Chief Pilot
SUBJECT: Operation "TROPIC".

Chief Pilot has designated following four captains to be the initial pilots assigned to subject operation:

R. C. Snoddy
N. Schwartz
M. D. Johnson
E. F. Sias

It is planned that two of the above-mentioned pilots will proceed to K country and report to Major Neighbors at Pusan. Maj. Neighbors will arrange scheduling these two pilots on proposed flights for initial survey and familiarization purposes. It is desired that each of the pilots make one flight in order to familiarize themselves and gain any beneficial information regarding such operation.

It is further desired that upon completion of such flight that the individual pilots be returned to Tokyo FAP on Ad flight as deadhead crew. Upon returning TYO, these individuals will continue to be scheduled on our normal scheduling section at Tachikawa until Operations at Tachi is further advised by the Chief Pilot.

All concerned have been briefed by the Chief Pilot regarding the emphasis of absolute security of this project. Should any question arise as to the reason for these pilots being deadheaded to and from Korea, their answer is that they are being sent on such an exercise to familiarize themselves with KNA operations inasmuch as it is possibly expected we may suddenly have to expand KNA operations and these pilots will act as fill-in pilots until permanent pilots are assigned.

These pilots have further been requested by the undersigned not to discuss among themselves in the presence of any other pilot in CAT other than those assigned to this operation and myself any phase, comments, etc. regarding this operation.

Captains Sias, Schwartz and Snoddy are all available in the Tokyo area this date. I will arrange that Capt. Johnson be scheduled to Tokyo area the latter part of this week and he can be expected to arrive TYO about the first of December.

It is requested that following information be ascertained for

our benefit before dispatching these individuals to Korea.

a. Whether or not these survey flights are carried on continually upon request or whether they are dependent upon certain periods of the month which afford the most favorable conditions to conduct such operations. This will enable us to expedite movement of our pilots to and from K country in order for them to complete their primary mission and return to TYO for further instructions and assignment.

It is requested that these individuals wear civilian clothes in conducting such flights in order not to excite or promote any predictions or comments originating from the Group with whom they will make the survey flight.

R. E. Rousselot
Chief Pilot

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Snoddy
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