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QUOTE HSU HUAN-SHENG PROMISES AID TO CAT /TZU LI WAN PAO, TAIPEI, 19 MAR 1968/

WHILE CAT SUFFERED HEAVILY FROM THE AIR ACCIDENT AND PROPOSED TO LEASE A BOEING 727 FOR RESUMPTION OF SERVICE, GENERAL HSU HUAN-SHENG, BOARD CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINA AIRLINES, CAME TO AID. HE DENIED THAT CAL HAD ENCROACHED CAT'S AIR ROUTES AND REFUTED RUMORS THAT CAL ATTEMPTED TO HIT HARD ON CAT. HE EXPRESSED THAT CAL WOULD HELP CAT TO RESUME SERVICE WITHIN ITS CAPABILITY.

HSU HUAN-SHENG SAID-- WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION TO HIT AT CAT AND HAVE NEVER DONE ANY SUCH THING. ON THE CONTRARY, CAL WOULD ASSIST CAT WITH ALL EFFORTS TO ENABLE IT TO RECOVER FROM THE BOEING 72.7 INCIDENT.

HSU FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT SUSPENSION OF THE KOREAN AND MANILA SERVICES WERE CAT'S OWN REQUESTS AND NOT CAUSED BY ANY MEASURE OF CAL'. CAT IS-A COMPANY WITH TALENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS, AND ITS MEASURES ARE DETERMINED BY ITS OWN BASIC INTERESTS AND NOT AFFECTED BY OUTSIDE IN-FLUENCE.

INSPITE OF FOREIGN CAPITAL,	PER CENT OF CAT IS OWNED BY
CHINESE. ITS BOARD CHAIRMAN IS	CHINESE SERVE AS
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PILOTS FOR ITS DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AND AS CO-PILOTS ON INTERNATIONAL
FLIGHTS. ITS STEWARDNESSES AND MECHANICS ARE ALL CHINESE.
HSU SAID THAT IT IS NATURAL THAT CAL IS SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERN
MENT, BECAUSE EVERY COUNTRY SHOULD SUPPORT ITS AVIATION ENTERPRISE
THAT IS OPERATED ENTIRELY BY ITS OWN NATIONALS. WE HAVE NO PRIVATE
AVIATION SCHOOL, AND THE CHINESE AIR FORCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE FOR
PILOTS AND MECHANICS.
HSU HUAN-SHENG DENIES PROMISE OF AID TO CAT /LIEN HO PAO, TAIPEI,
20 MARCH 68/ AN ADVERTISEMENT BY HSU HUAN-SHENG
I AM SURPRISED TO READ THE ARTICLE CARRIED BY TZU LI WAN PAO OF
19 MARCH STATING HSU HUAN-SHENG PROMISES AID TO CAT. SINCE THE CAT
AIR ACCIDENT, I FELT SORRY BUT HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY REPORTER FROM
TZU LI WAN PAO OR REPLIED TO HIS QUERY. THE REPORTED RESUMPTION OF
AIR SERVICE BY CAT BELONGS TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT ORGANS
CONCERNED. I HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY PROMISE. THE ABOVE
STATEMENT IS MADE TO CLARIFY ANY MISUNDERSTANDING THAT VARIOUS CIR-
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