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CH'U-TE AIRPORT BEING PREPARED FOR LARGER PLANES -- Kung Shang Jih Pao, 5 Sep 49

Arrivals and departures at the Ch'i-to (Kaitek) Airport, Hong Kong, totaled over 3,000 passenger planes last month, as against 2,800 in May, before the fall of Shanghai. Arrivals last month totaled 1,591, the majority of which were from Kuang-shou. The planes were operated by the Chinese National, Central, and Hong Kong airlines. Of late, planes bound for the US, the Philippines, and Taiwan have been crowded.

The airport has two runways but all traffic is now confined to the 13 x 31 runway because the 7 x 25 runway is being repaired to receive the large Pan-American planes.

UNCLASSIFIED CODE OF CONDUCT AND OPERATIONS -- Hua Shan Eng, 7 Sep 49

Hong Kong, 7 September -- An official of the flying robber Chenmault's Civil Air Transport Service stated that in view of the imminent loss of Kuang-chou, it would be necessary to find a new site for its main base of operations, but that so far no location had been decided upon. A floating repair shop arrived recently and is anchored temporarily near Li-ch'ehsiao (Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon), but it cannot be located indefinitely in the Hong Kong territorial waters. When the CCF captured Lan-chou, Kansu, recently, they took over the equipment of this transport company which had been installed there shortly before. The loss of this installation deprives the company of one of its most lucrative air routes.

MANILA-AMOI AIR SERVICE HALTED -- Hua Shang Pao, 11 Sep 49

Manila, 10 September (AFP) -- On 7 September 1949, the China National Aviation Corporation office in the Philippines announced that the air service between Manila and Hsia-men (Amoy) is being discontinued because the CCF Liberation Army is now threatening Hsia-men.

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SAN-TSAO ISLAND MAY BE NAVY-AIR BASE -- Kung Shang Jih Pao, 12 Sep 49

Chung-shan, (special despatch) -- According to reliable sources, the officer in charge of defense works on San-tsao Island (Ueda 7,8352) under the Hu-men (10264,12709) Garrison Commander, has completed work on the repair of the San-tsao airfield, and it is now available for the use of transport planes. Work on forts and other defense projects is in progress and will be completed shortly. It is reported that Navy personnel make frequent trips by air between Hainan, Kuang-chou, and San-tsao, and that some military supplies are being landed at San-tsao. This fact indicates the possibility that the authorities may be intending to make San-tsao a Navy-Air Force base for South China. In view of this possible development, some of the local leaders plan to make, within the next few days, an effort to secure funds for reconstructing the two main highways of the island which were previously built by the Japanese.

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