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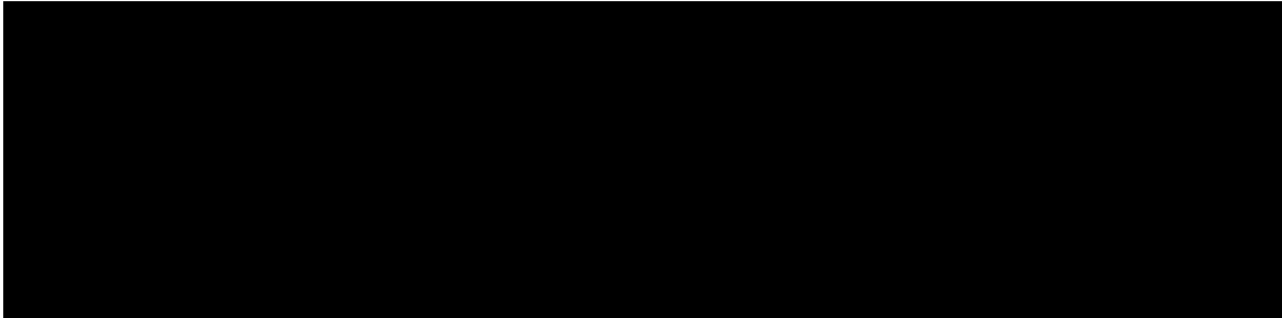
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1. On 14 and 15 March 1950 the SS SAN ROBERTO*, flying the Panamanian flag, was at anchor off Macao discharging cargo into a powered barge, the SAN PEDRO, also under the Panamanian flag. The SAN PEDRO appeared to be a converted LST, with wooden houses built over the hatches. The hull, houses and cargo booms of the SAN PEDRO were painted black, except for the upper part of the after house and the foremast and cargo boom, which were yellow. The paintwork was fresh.
2. On 14 March 1950 a barge similar to the SAN PEDRO was observed about ten miles distant from the SS SAN ROBERTO (approximately 113-42, 22-18), proceeding in a southerly direction, in tow of a white steam tug.
3. On 14 March 1950 the Panamanian SS FLYING DRAGON** completed discharging a cargo which appeared to be rice, at the Macao bund. She sailed for an unknown destination on 15 March 1950.
4. Between 11 and 12 March 1950 the Panamanian SS MAROUSSA discharged 3,000 tons of rice in Macao. The rice had been loaded in Bangkok.
5. Macao's import and export trade is at a higher level than at any time in the recent history of the Colony. Most of the trade consists in items originating in Hong Kong and transiting Macao for points in the interior of China. The Nationalist naval blockade does not interdict Hong Kong-Macao commerce. Items moved inland are shipped by truck and by very small native shipping which uses the smaller inland waterways and thus avoids Nationalist air attacks.***

25X1A* Comment. The Panamanian registration of the SAN ROBERTO was reported other information available to this office indicates that she was formerly the Danish SS STORSA, 4379 tons, owned by Wallem and Company, Hong Kong, and that she was provisionally registered in Panama on 18 October 1949.

25X1A* Comment. This vessel, 1250 tons, is owned by Wallem and Company, Hong Kong, and was provisionally registered in Panama on 29 December 1949.

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