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Mr. P.H. Ho, Director General  
CNRRA  
Shanghai

Dear Mr. Ho:

Our organization is still experiencing considerable difficulty in the matter of landing clearances, despite repeated conferences in Nanking with the CAA on the matter and requests to your organization for assistance in expediting these clearances.

I wish to cite the most glaring instance to date, and again urgently solicit your aid in correcting this situation.

In accordance with a procedure mutually agreed to by the CAA, CAF and ourselves, forms supplied by the CAA were properly filled out by us requesting clearances for the entire month of June. The points covered included Taiyuan, Peiping, Tsingtao, Tsinan and Kunming, to or from which points CNRRA has requested CAT to lift relief cargo urgently required. These forms were dated May 24th, and were for clearances to commence June 1st. Our liaison Representative in Nanking personally delivered the clearances to CAA and followed up on them each day. For one reason or another CAA delayed any action on these clearances, and after further discussion, our representative submitted a letter to them on May 29th which merely summarized the requests as they appeared on the forms prepared in this office.

To date, no action has been taken and our pilots at the various fields from which we have been operating advise us that the CAF on the field will not permit any flights until advice is received by them from Nanking. In the meanwhile, all this delay is hindering the CNRRA program to which we are committed and our planes are standing idle pending the resumption of operations as soon as clearances are approved.

In accordance with our contract and your implied obligation to assist CAT in obtaining clearances, it is requested that strong representation be made by CNRRA to the Minister of Communications for positive action to clear up the unnecessary and uncalled for delay in granting of clearances. CAT has in the past and is willing in the future to fulfill the requirements of CAA but a procedure should be mutually agreed upon by all concerned on the matter of clearances and then adhered to by all. As the matter now stands, a procedure is agreed upon, but CAA changes their requirements from day to day and in this way the considerable delay in our operations occurs.

I shall very much appreciate anything you can do to expedite the clearing up of a very difficult situation.

Most sincerely yours,

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