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4. New Harbor Plans

(a) Construction on the New Harbor, which is just north of the mouth of the Hai Ho and extends in a direction 11° north of east, is proposed in two separate plans. The first plan covers the recommended construction during the next 3 1/2 years, and is broken down into 3 phases. The first phase, upon which construction is now in progress, will be completed by mid-December with the opening of the New Harbor-Hai Ho Channel. The second phase will include the completion of the breakwaters and the dredging of the deep water anchorage and channel. The third phase will cover the construction of deep water piers and wharves. The second plan is one for future expansion and will remain flexible until after the first plan is completed.

(b) These new plans are actually far more ambitious than the Japanese plan. Facilities for exporting coal and salt continue to be a prominent part of the plan, but the construction of facilities to handle all kinds of general cargo are also included in the planning.

(c) A finger pier is to be constructed which will accommodate 2 ten thousand (net) ton ocean-going ships. Two finger piers are to be constructed which will accommodate 4 or 5 twenty five hundred (net) ton coastal ships.

(d) A mooring basin will be constructed which will furnish anchorage for 9 ships with tonnage up to 10,000 each.

(e) The cargo capacity of the docks will be about 50,000 tons, and it may be possible to handle 250,000 tons per month.

(f) The construction of godowns and other facilities will be coordinated with the dredging operations.

(g) Eventually, an independent power plant will be erected to furnish the power which is supplied by Tientsin now.

(h) Rail lines, spurs, godowns, sanitary facilities, etc., will be constructed to keep step with the expansion of the new harbor.

(i) Fresh water artesian wells will be sunk as needed.

(j) The construction being carried on at present will permit the opening of a channel 5 meters deep, through the harbor and into the Hai Ho, by mid-December of this year. According to present plans, the locks and lock gates will be completed in from 1 month to 6 weeks. Dredging has already begun on the channel and the proposed line of communication will be available upon its completion. This constitutes the first phase of the present plan for the rehabilitation of the Tientsin Port area.

5. Present Construction Operations

(a) Currently five dredgers are in operation. Ultimately two or three additional ones will be required.

(b) The locks which connect the new harbor with the Hai Ho are nearly completed. They are 62 feet wide, 600 feet long, and 16 feet and 4 inches deep above the silt. They will ultimately be made 11 meters deep.

(c) Approximately 500 laborers are employed by the bureau at this time.

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6. Contracting of Future Construction and Labor

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(a) In concurrence with a statement made by the Chinese authorities, reports that all large future operations will be subcontracted and that the Bureau itself will do practically no actual construction work.

(b) Since the Chinese requested it, construction work will be contracted to American firms only, and no Chinese contractors will be used.

(c) Chinese laborers will be used but technicians other than those already employed by the Bureau (the majority of which are American-trained) will be Americans. A very few Japanese technicians have been retained.

(d) No shortage of laborers is anticipated.

7. Financial Background

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25X1A6a (Comment: [redacted] was unable to furnish data on the amount of money already expended on the project; however, an article in the Tientsin Min Kuo Jih Pao, dated 31 August, 1946, stated that the sum of CMC 1,700,000,000 had been extended to the New Harbor Construction Bureau to offset partially the construction costs of the new harbor. The money needed to complete the harbor is estimated by [redacted] to be at least U.S. \$25,000,000. [redacted] further believes that eventually this money will probably be borrowed from Import Export Bank of Washington, D.C.) 25X1X6

25X1A6a (Comment: In regard to the above figures, a previous Tientsin report quoting the Tientsin Min Kuo Jih Pao of 12 October states that Mr. HSING Ch'i-hua, Director of the Tangku New Harbor Construction Bureau, volunteered the information that CMC 1,500,000,000 of a total sum of CMC 6,000,000,000 had been received from the Ministry of Communications, CMC 3,000,000,000 will be received in November, and the remainder, CMC 1,500,000,000, in December.)

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