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1. The Chinese Communists have 450 long tons of manganese ore 43% Mn in Canton, 200 tons at Wuchou en route to Canton, and 350 tons being shipped to Wuchou. They will guarantee delivery of 1,000 tons to Hong Kong within 45 days. They quote a price of HK \$126 a long ton, delivered to Hong Kong.
2. Only 1,000 long tons can be shipped each month at the present time because of the shipping problem. The Ho River will only take small boats, which necessitates changing the ore to larger boats at Wuchou. There is a shortage of boats, and there is still bandit trouble along the route.
3. About 2,500 tons are stocked at the mines ready for shipping, and the Communists claim that they can easily produce 3,000 long tons of ore a month.

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