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Gold shipments totaling 72,000 ounces were flown out of Macao by Macao Air Transport and Pacific Overseas Airlines (Siam) Lt. during April 1950. About half the gold went to Bangkok and the other half to Saigon. In both cities, the gold was held in transit, pending its shipment to Europe or the Near East

It is estimated that a total of about 100,000 cances of gold was smuggled out of Hong Kong and Macao during the month of April 1950, most of it during the first half of the month. This gold is smuggled into Thailand, Malaya, and In by large smuggling rings.

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Comment. Informant reported that of one shipment, totaling 12,000 ounces, one fifth was destined for Amsterdam, and the remainder for Kuwaii whence the gold is smuggled into India.

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