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1. Most of the Chinese merchants in Thailand who formerly supported the Kuo-mintang believe that the CHIANG Kai-shek Government will soon collapse. Accordingly, the merchants feel that it would be unwise to openly express anti-Communist sentiments.
2. In Bangkok, on 27 May 1950, a prominent Hong Kong merchant, S. K. Sung, Managing Director* of the Teh Hu Sunfluh Co., Ltd., exporters and importers, Suite 301-320 Marina House, Hong Kong, privately stated that the Chinese Communist Government is oppressing the people of China. Sung cited the matter of the appropriation of scarce foodstuffs to supply the Chinese Communist Army. This action, Sung stated, has caused the Chinese people to evacuate the towns and cities and to form bandit bands to harrass the Communist authorities. Sung further stated that he did not care who governed China and that he would be willing to cooperate with the Chinese Communists if they did not oppress the Chinese people. Sung returned to Hong Kong on 29 May 1950.
3. Bangkok Chinese merchants are shipping an increasing amount of rice to Hong Kong.
4. Chinese merchants come from Hong Kong to Thailand as ordinary Chinese immigrants. They obtain a temporary visitor's permit through a reliable guarantor who makes the arrangements with the Thai Immigration Department. The Chinese merchants usually remain in Thailand without interference from the Immigration Department.
5. There are still many of the so-called "Free Chinese" gathered in Bangkok. The Chinese Communists are attempting to contact these former anti-Japanese groups to enlist them in future underground movements against Thailand.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The 1950 Hong Kong Trade Index also lists M. F. Weissenfluh as a managing director of the Sunfluh Company.

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