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1. On 12 September 1950 two 200-ton converted landing craft from the Philippines anchored outside Macao and requested permission to enter the harbor. Permission was refused by the harbor authorities on the grounds that the vessels lacked clearance papers from the port in the Philippines from which they had come.
2. It was rumored in Macao that the two ships were engaged in carrying arms from the Chinese Communists to the Philippines, and had hoped to obtain water in Macao.

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