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1. On 3 October 1950 the SS OU-YANG-MI-TUN and SS PAI-TO-KE-LA-SHII*, two British ships of about 8,000 tons each, arrived at Taku Bar loaded with hardware, chemical supplies and drugs. The Chinese Communist Public Security troops threw a cordon of guards around the harbor when the ships arrived, and the unloading was done in great secrecy. The seamen on these ships were housed and entertained in the Tientsin municipal government guest house.
2. On 14 October 1950 the SS HUA HSUNG (華興), loaded with 5,000 bales of cotton-padded military uniforms, arrived at the new Butterfield and Swire Company wharf at Amoy, from Shanghai. This wharf was equipped with a steel crane in late summer 1950.
3. In early October 1950 a shipment of steel plates for ship construction was bought by the Min Sheng Company from a firm in Japan. The shipment was due in Tsingtao on or about 19 October 1950.

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* Comment. These ships may be the SS EURYMEDON, 7,314 gross tonnage, and the SS PATROCLUS, both of which have made trips from the United Kingdom to North China.

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