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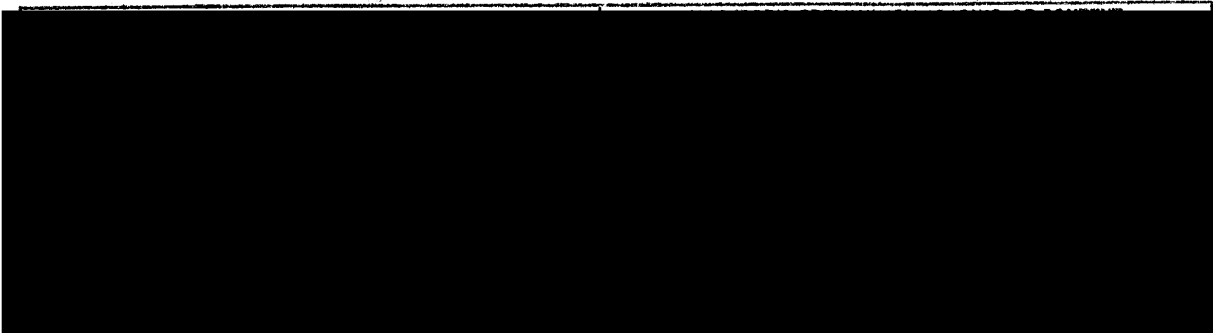
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1. In late May 1951 HO Hsien¹, Chairman of the board of directors of the Macao Chamber of Commerce, purchased in Hong Kong 500 sets of Dunlop tires for the Chinese Communists on the mainland. The tires arrived in Macao in early June on the SS TA LAL, and were stored in a warehouse near Wharf Number 6. On 9 and 10 June the tires were sent to Canton on the vessels KUEI NAN and CHANG HSIEN.²
2. On 10 June MA Wan-ch'i³, vice chairman of the board of directors of the Macao Chinese Chamber of Commerce, met secretly at the Chin Hsing Restaurant with LIANG P'ei and KAO Chen-wu, both members of the Macao Chinese Chamber of Commerce, to discuss methods to be used in obtaining contributions from the Chinese residents of Macao for the purchase of a plane for the Chinese Communist Air Force. The meeting agreed that the fund must be obtained secretly from Chinese firms in Macao, because public soliciting for such contributions would be impossible. The goal set was 500,000 Macao patacas, the approximate cost of a plane of unidentified type.⁴
3. On 16 June, in a speech delivered at the commencement exercises of the nurses' training school of Ching Hu Hospital, Macao, HO Hsien urged the graduates to go to the Chinese mainland to work as nurses. By 19 June 12 of the graduates had registered with the Chinese Communists to go to mainland China.
4. In early June 1951 all unemployed Chinese in Macao who applied to the Macao Federation of Labor to go to the mainland for work were given 25 catties of rice and 10 patacas per month by the Federation of Labor while awaiting clearance from the Chinese Communist authorities. On receiving a permit to enter Communist China, each worker received enough money from the Federation to cover his traveling expenses to his destination. In early June 30 Chinese workers were sent from Macao to the mainland under these arrangements. Ten more were scheduled to leave about 22 June 1951.⁵

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2.

25X1A Comment. 25X1A reported the shipment of 540 truck tires from Macao to Canton on 12 June; they may represent a part of this shipment, or a different one.

3.

25X1A Comment. MA, LIANG and KAO were reported in [REDACTED] as personnel of the Industrial and Commercial Division of the Macao Station of the South China Sub-Bureau. LIANG is head of the Macao Federation of Labor; [REDACTED] All were active in preparations for a proposed May Day demonstration in Macao; [REDACTED] 25X1A

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4.

25X1X Comment. According to calculations by the Chinese Communists, the cost of one fighter plane would be JMF 1,500,000,000 and the cost of a twin-engine bomber JMF 5,000,000,000.

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25X1A Comment. [REDACTED] presumably refers to the Chinese Communists in Macao. 25X1A 25X1X

5.

25X1A Comment. [REDACTED] reported preparations in Macao for recruiting laborers for mainland China, and indicated that the early attempts were relatively unsuccessful. The rice ration and maintenance allowance may be inducements adopted when other methods failed.

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