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- Negotiations by Metco for the purchase of the ISLAS VISAYAS had not been completed as of 30 April 1951. Metco plans to use the ship on runs to Dairen, Tientsin and Tsingtao. Since the sailing of the MODENA was canceled, Metco's cargo will be sent to Tientsin on the TAI KIM SHAN, which was due to arrive in Hong Kong on 20 May. From Tientsin the cargo will be sent to Dairen by rail.
- Metco will no longer represent Chosen Sangsa in business at Hong Kong. On 3 May, Lucy LIANG\* unexpectedly went to Tientsin from Canton, where she had gone for a conference with Chosen Sangsa representative KIM Chong-su (金正淑).
- On 5 May, Metco shipped photographic supplies, consisting of lamps and projectors, to Shanghai on the EDITH MOLLER. The value of the cargo was declared at HK \$26,000.
- Metco-Nulanco is covering all godown assets in Hong Kong under pseudonyms in order to prevent confiscation and to confuse Hong Kong authorities as to the actual holdings of the company. The cover names are as follows:
  - YEE HING (I Hsing, 義興) Company
  - PAO SEN (Pao Sheng, 寶生) Company
  - MIDLAND (Chung Yuan, 中原) Company
- The crew of the EASTERN PRIDE\*\* returned from Japan on the Butterfield and Swire ship YOICHOW on 8 May. All members were given three months bonus pay on their arrival in Hong Kong. Peter TONG\* delayed in Kobe and was to arrive in Hong Kong by air on 18 May.
- The EASTERN VENTURE\*\*\* was scheduled to arrive on 13 May in Singapore, where acting captain CHIANK requires hospital treatment and an operation. Captain

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D. Blackwell, formerly of the PRIDE, left Hong Kong by sea on 12 May to take over command of the VENTURE when it arrives in Singapore.

25X1A \* [redacted] Comment. These persons were identified in connection with [redacted] activities in [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A \*\* [redacted] Comment. The EASTERN Pride was sold to the Asahi Steamship Company, Limited, Kobe, Japan, in February 1951. See [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A \*\*\* [redacted] Comment. The EASTERN VENTURE was chartered to Royal Interocean Lines on 3 March 1951.

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