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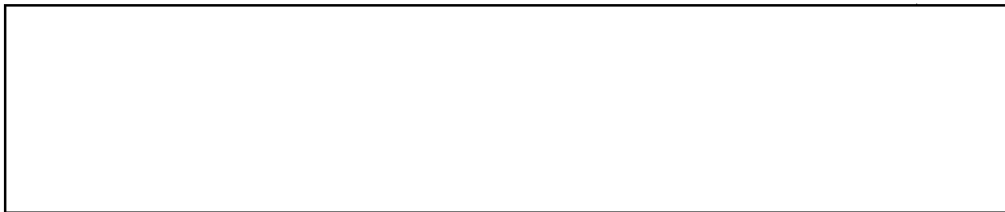
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1. Import-export activities of Metco¹ during the period 15 to 29 September were as follows:

a. On 19 September a parcel of embroidered mats valued at US \$100 was sent to Lucy LIANG in Zurich, Switzerland, by the Metco export department on a BOAC plane. Lucy LIANG had sent a packet of Swiss-made watches valued at HK \$10,000 to Metco Hong Kong by air mail.



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c. On 20 September Metco shipped six cases of Hoffmann analytical balances valued at HK \$7,500 to the Hua Hsing Company, Macao, on the FAT SHAN.

d. On 22 September Metco shipped eight cases of calculators valued at HK \$38,000 and one case of recording paper valued at HK \$780 to Tientsin on the TAI CHUNG SHAN consigned to the Dairen Chemical Manufacturing Company. The cases of calculators contained 40 sets, of which 20 sets were Thales, German-made, 10x10x18; 10 sets were Antares, Italian-made, 10x8x13; and 10 sets were Euclid, Italian-made, 10x8x13.

2. On 26 September the Midland Company was preparing 10 cases of a complete set of dental and x-ray instruments valued at HK \$70,000 to be sent to

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Tientsin on 30 September on the SS HAN YANG. On 28 September the midland Company shipped another case of 10 sets of operating instruments.

2. On 21 September 1951 Li Chen-min (李振民) of the Chu Hsing Trading Company, 56 Des Voeux Road, asked K. C. CHOW to obtain HK \$1,800,000 worth of insurance for 1,500 tons of rubber sheets LI had aboard the Polish vessel MICKIEWICZ². LI had already covered part of the shipment for 10,000,000 rupees in Ceylon. The New Zealand Insurance Company, when approached by CHOW, refused because it had already covered HK \$20,000,000 worth of the cargo. The 21 percent war risk charge demanded by Lloyds of London was considered too high. Eventually the Ming An Insurance Company, Hong Kong, covered the shipment.
3. On 17 September Peter TONG was assigned the confidential job of communication with people in Macao, for whom he was purchasing broadcasting equipment as well as other goods.³ On 27 September TONG went to Macao, carrying letters from K. C. CLOW. J. S. TSAO and K. C. CLOW had wished to go to Macao for the last week of September but were unable to obtain permits and sent TONG in their place, since he, as a Cantonese, requires no permit [redacted]. 25X1X
4. On 28 September CHUNG Chen-chih⁴ returned from Japan on the EASTERN TRADER.
5. In late September Metco officials were afraid that the crew of the EASTERN VENTURE, then in Surabaya, would go on strike if the Newland Steamship Company (Nulanco) could not arrange to increase their wages. The EASTERN VENTURE is due for overhauling in December 1951 and Nulanco has decided to buy a ship in order to avoid financial loss. On 24 September the directors of Metco decided to reduce Nulanco's transportation department by the discharge of two tallymen, effective 1 October.
6. In late September Metco learned that Lucy LIANG proposed to order some strategic materials from Poland or Switzerland for direct shipment to China.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Metco activities in early September 1951 were reported in [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. This shipment was reported in [redacted] 25X1A

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3. [redacted] Comment. TONG may be dealing with Korean representatives of Chosen Sangsa in Macao.

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4. See [redacted]

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