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## CHINA MERCHANTS STEAMSHIP LINE

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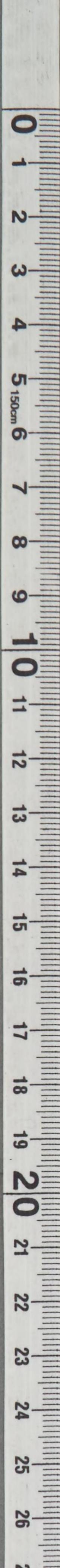
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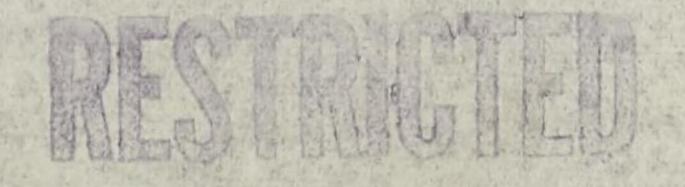
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Clearance for China Merchants Steamship Line, Vessels to Korea on ECA Mission.

- 1. COMNAUFE (CDR V. J. Meola) phoned G-4 (CDR Hathaway) 10 July 50 and submitted the following information:
- a. Mr. Harold Lady, Personal Adviser to the President of the Republic of Korea, had called COMNAUFE and requested clearance for subject vessels to move ECA cargo to Korea for the following reasons:
  - (1) ECA has a considerable amount of cargo destined for Korea.
  - (2) Bids have been accepted for movement of cited cargo from numerous commercial shipping companies and the bid from subject company constitutes the most economical bid received.
- b. Question presented by CDR Meola: Does CINCFE interpose any objection to clearance of subject vessels?
- 2. G-4 (Maj Benford) took action on this request and submitted the above information to Trans 0 (Lt Col Rehmann) and G-2 (Lt Col Cole) requesting comments.
- a. Lt Col Rehmann stated Trans O. interposes no objection provided coordination of sailings is made with Trans O. to avoid port congestion at Pusan.
- b. G-2 (Lt Col Cole) stated that granting clearance into Pusan at this time would be most undesirable for the following reasons:
  - (1) The China Merchants Steamship Line recently split into two factions; one going over to Red China and one remaining with the Nationalists.
  - (2) Permitting these vessels to go into Pusan would constitute a very great security risk.
  - (3) The risk should be balanced against the immediate need for use of these vessels.



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3. G-4 (Maj Benford) informed COMNAUFE (CDR Meola) and Trans O. (Lt Col Rehmann) of G-2's (Lt Col Cole) objections. CDR Meola stated in view of cited objections, subject vessels would not be granted clearance.

- 4. Within established policy.
- 5. Initiated action complete.

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G-2 (1t Col Cole)
G-4 (CDR Hathaway)
Trans (Lt Col Rehmann)

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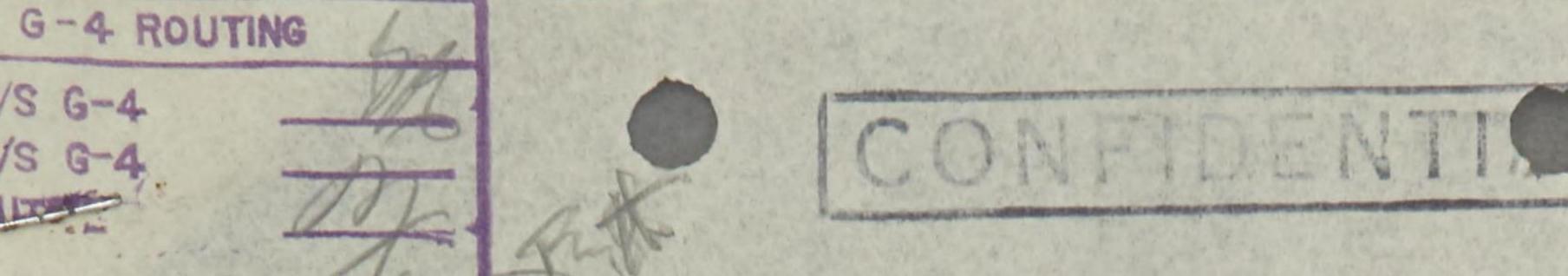
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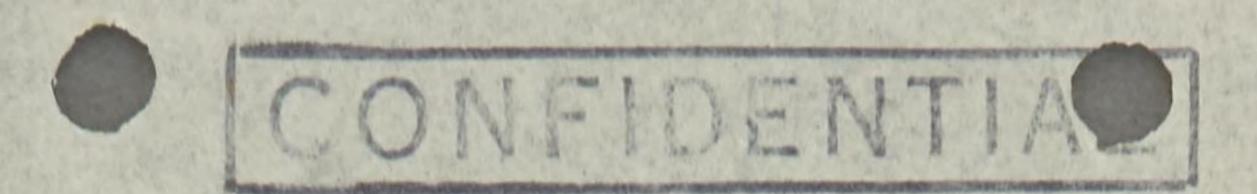
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Daily charges estimated to be: Port \$30.00; fuel \$25.00; stores and water \$10.00; salary Chinese erew (29 May - 7 Jul 50) \$60.00; food Chinese crew (29 May - 7 Jul 40) \$30.00; miscellansous \$15.00; total daily charges (29 May - 7 Jul 50) \$170.00.

Chinese crew was replaced by Japanese standby crew of thirty on 7 Jul 50. Daily salary and food cost for Japanese erew estimated at \$45.00.

SCAP interest in vessel considered to date from 29 May 50 when reviewing authority approved court order of confiscation. Estimated date of sale on or about 1 Sep 50. Consequently, daily charges multiplied by ninety-six days equal \$6,800 (Chinese crew) from 29 May to 7 Jul 50 and \$7,000 (Japanese erew) from 8 Jul to 1 Sep 50, or a total of \$13,800.

Advertisements for sale estimated at \$417.00.



Outgoing message from SCAP, Tokyo, Japan, to DA Wash D.C., 10 July 1950 (cont'd)

Total claims and charges with possibility of priority estimated to be \$23,941

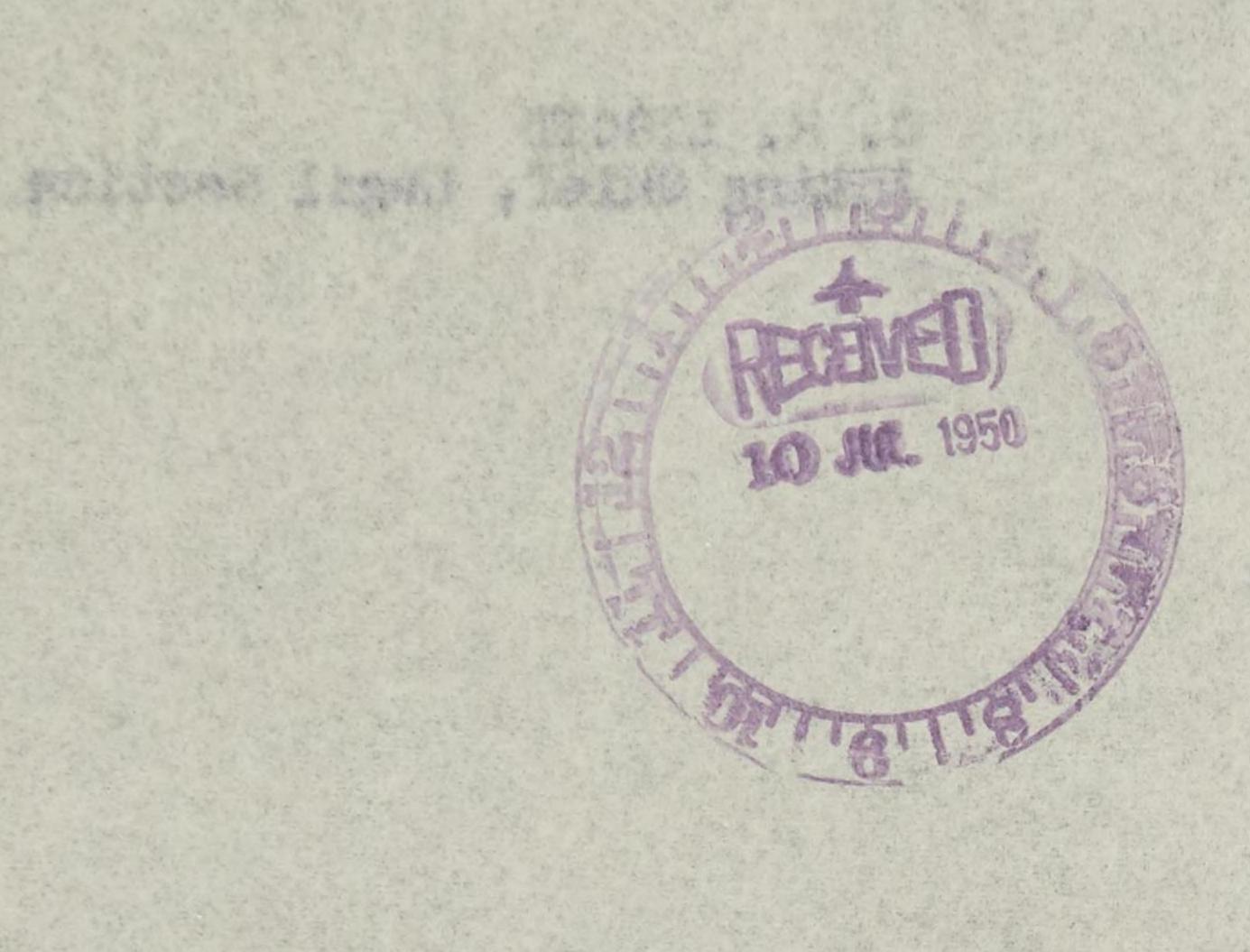
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