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OUTGOING MESSAGE

OP 509 CIVILIAN  
31 January 1948

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FROM: CINCINNATI  
TO: DPT OF ARMY . . . . . PRIORITY  
INFO: CC WFL . . . . . COURIER

( ) For CSOIN Report W 57222 of 28 September 1947, W 52450 of  
17 October 1947, W 52002 of 31 January 1948 and airtels CX 52982 of 7  
October 1947 and CX 52608 of 26 December 1947. In order to complete  
detailed plans for possible evacuation of American personnel from New  
Delhi it is desirable for members of the IIC to visit Calcutta and New Delhi.

Request authority to send following personnel on above mission:  
Colonel Charles R. Hutchinson, G-1, IIC; Lt. Colonel Charles F.  
Franklin, AC-2112, 1st TAW; and Lt. Col. M. H. Van Sackler, AG-2222A,  
1st TAW Air Force.

Request coordination with State Department and if approved, request  
State Department secure necessary clearance and advise American Embassy,  
New Delhi and American Consul, Calcutta. Indian Liaison Mission, Tokyo,  
may issue visas locally, but suggest Indian Government be requested to  
advise mission in order to avoid possible delay.

Commercial air for evacuation needed earliest.  
If any change is made by or for American Embassy in India for  
scheduled military courier service will be used.



APPROVED BY:  
H. E. EASTWOOD  
Colonel, GSC  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

R. M. LEVY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

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26 January 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

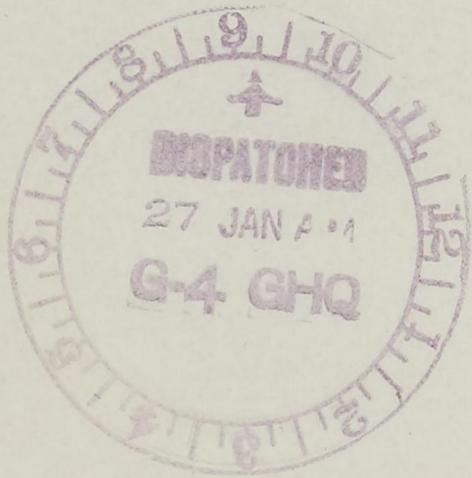
SUBJECT: Evacuation of American Personnel from India.

The information contained in action G-4 Journal Number 53549 will be incorporated in the action on G-4 Journal Number 53742, which has been suspended to 15 Feb 48. It is contemplated that final action on the latter will be completed on or about 15 Feb 48.

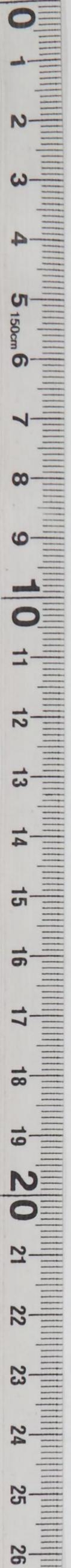
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E. W. K. *EWK*

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FROM: CINCFE

TO : DEPARTMENT OF ARMY . . . . . ROUTINE

INFO: CG FRAT . . . . . COURIER

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OFFICIAL:

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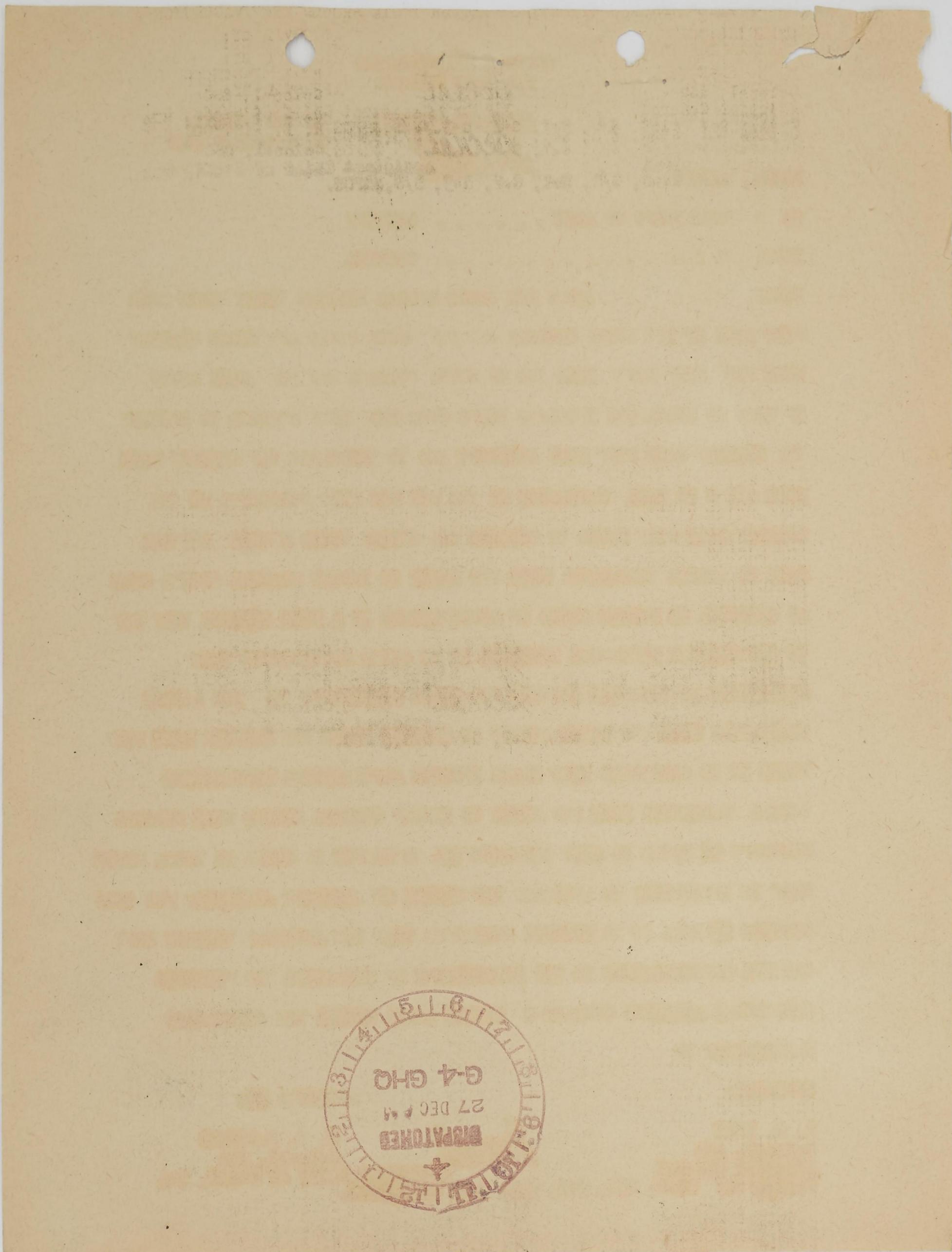
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Colonel, GSC  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

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15 December 1947

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Evacuation of American Embassy Personnel from India.

(Refer to M/R same subject dated 2 October 1947)

1. CG FEF by memorandum subject as above, dated 5 December 1947, advised that in view of the distances involved plans are being revised to provide 10 C-54 aircraft for evacuation of American Embassy personnel from India instead of previously planned 4 C-54's and 8 C-46's. FEF recommended that American Embassy in India consider the possibility of utilizing water transportation from Calcutta or other Indian coastal cities because evacuation to such points could be accomplished in a much shorter time. FEF also recommended that American Embassy consider the possibility of utilizing the numerous commercial airlines operating from India.

2. a. W 87272 of 28 September 1947 advised that it might be necessary to evacuate American Embassy personnel from New Delhi by air and in such event CINCFE should be contacted for necessary transportation.

b. CX 55982 of 7 October 1947 advised that 4 C-54's and 8 C-46's could be made available and requested information as to number of personnel to be evacuated as well as destination.

c. W 88450 of 17 October 1947 advised that number of personnel involved would be 2665 and probable destination would be Colombo, Ceylon.

3. Proposed radio to Washington transmits FEF's recommendations and FEF's new plan.

4. Within established policy.

5. The interests of USAFIK have been considered and are provided for.

6. Action complete on G-4 journal no. 52093.

Approved by C/S 12/23/47.

Informal concurrence:  
G-3 (Lt. Col. Hammerlie)

E. W. K. EWKJ. P. B. JPB

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APO 925

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5 December 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR G-4, FEC

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## 1. References:

a. Memorandum, A-3, FEAF; to G-4, FEC; subject as above, 2 October 1947.

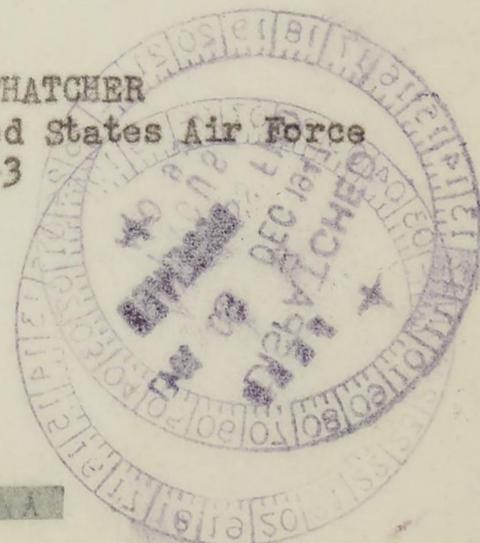
b. Letter, this headquarters, file AG-581, A-3, subject: Special Flights to India, 6 November 1947.

2. In view of the long distance flights which would be involved in subject evacuation, this headquarters is revising its plans to utilize ten (10) C-54 aircraft and to eliminate C-46 aircraft from this project altogether.

3. The movement of 2,665 personnel by ten (10) C-54 aircraft to Colombo, Ceylon will require several days. An emergency which warrants evacuation of American citizens might develop rapidly so as to limit aerial operations to a brief period. It is recommended that the American Embassy in India fully exploit the possibility of utilizing water transportation from Calcutta or other Indian coastal cities should the evacuation become necessary. Aerial evacuation to these places could be accomplished in a much shorter time. This action is further supported by the possibility that an emergency in China or Korea at the same time would not allow an increase in the number of aircraft for the India evacuation.

4. It is further recommended that the American Embassy give careful consideration to the possibility of utilizing the numerous commercial airlines operating through India should the evacuation materialize.

HERBERT B. THATCHER  
Brigadier General, United States Air Force  
A C/S, A-3



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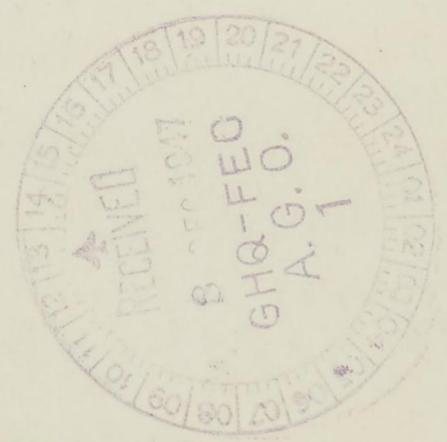
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AG 581 A-3

SUBJECT: Special Flight to India

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO 710  
 Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719  
 Commanding General, Far East Air Material Command, APO 323

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, 6 November 1947. Except as modified herein instructions contained in cited letter remain in effect.

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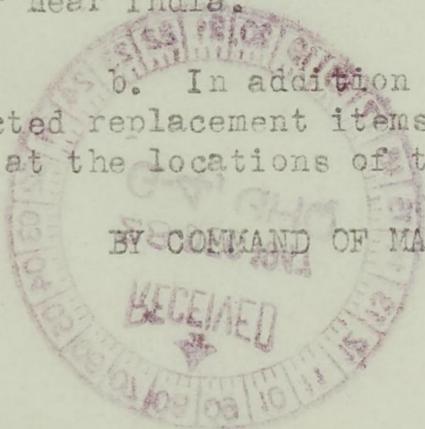
3. The Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, is relieved from the responsibility for the C-46 mission which was originally planned. The Commanding General, Far East Air Material Command, is directed to revise the plans for the C-54 mission in accordance with the change in number of aircraft from four (4) to ten (10). C-54 aircraft will not be with-held from normal Troop Carrier operations for this planned mission until execution of the evacuation is ordered.

4. It is desired that planning for logistical support of this evacuation force include the following:

a. Plans for the location of maintenance teams at airfields in or near India.

b. In addition to spares carried aboard each aircraft selected replacement items (engines, cylinders, etc.) should be available at the locations of the maintenance teams.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOLFE:



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AG 581 A-2

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