

NARCOTIC DRUGS

Exchange of notes at Nanking March 12, June 21, July 28, and August 30, 1947

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The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

No. 767

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China, and has the honor to ask that approval be given by the Chinese Government to a proposal made by the Department of State under which the United States Commissioner of Narcotics, Mr. Harry J. Anslinger, might receive authority to correspond direct with the appropriate official in the Chinese Government on all matters relating to the smuggling of narcotic drugs between China and the United States. The Embassy understands that the Chinese Government official in question is Mr. T. H. Lew, Director of the Central Narcotics Commission.

According to the Department of State, the pertinent matters are the exchange of seizure reports and information regarding persons suspected of being engaged in the illicit traffic, including such information as photographs, criminal records, fingerprints, descriptions of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they are operating, and the names of their associates. It will be appreciated that unless the above-described information reaches its destination speedily, it is useless.

In presenting this request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy wishes to point out that the proposed informal agreement is in effect between the United States and twenty-one other countries.

NANKING, *March 12, 1947*

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

T'iao-36/13075

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the American Embassy and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's third person notes Nos.

767 and 906¹ concerning the proposal of the United States Department of State that officers be designated by both China and the United States for purposes of exchanging reports on seizures of smuggled narcotics and information respecting persons suspected of smuggling any articles connected with narcotics.

The proposal put forth by the United States Department of State for the exchange of the above-mentioned reports and information between China and the United States is extremely welcome to the Chinese Government. In this connection, as the related technical question is still awaiting discussion by the appropriate authorities, the officers to be selected to undertake the responsibility for the exchange of information cannot be determined at the moment.

In response to the Embassy's notes under reference, the Ministry has the honor to indite this preliminary reply for the Embassy's information, and it will be appreciated if it may be transmitted to the United States Department of State.

[SEAL]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

June 21, 1947

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

No. T'iao-36/15687

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the American Embassy and has the honor to refer to the Ministry's third person note No. T'iao-36/13075 of June 21 in which it was requested that the United States Department of State be informed that the Chinese Government is extremely agreeable to the proposal put forth by the United States Department of State that officers be designated by both the Chinese and the American authorities for the exchange of reports on the seizure of smuggled narcotic drugs and of information with respect to criminal smuggling suspects where narcotic drugs are involved.

With regard to the nomination of an officer responsible for the exchange of the information, the Chinese Government has decided to designate Mr. T. H. Lew, Ph.D., Director of Opium Suppression Commission, Ministry of the Interior, to undertake the work. Director Lew is now planning to set

¹ Not printed.

up an office and the Embassy will be further informed as soon as the address of this office is determined.

The above is communicated to the Embassy for its information and transmittal to the United States Department of State.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

July 28, 1947

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

No. T'iao-36/18036

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the American Embassy and, with regard to the proposal of the American State Department that the Chinese and American Governments each designate personnel for the exchange of reports on confiscations of smuggled narcotic drugs and of information concerning all criminal suspects in which narcotic drugs are involved, has the honor to advert to the Ministry's third person note no. T'iao-36/15689 of July 28 which indicated that the Chinese Government had designated Mr. Liu Chin-hsuan, departmental chief of the Ministry of the Interior's Opium Suppression Commission, to be the responsible official, and in which it was requested that this information be transmitted to the American Government.

As to the plan to set up an office at Shanghai, it is now formally operating at no. 71, Lane no. 45, South Shensi Road (Shensi Nan Lu 45 Lung 71 Hao), telephone no. 73284, cable address NARCOTICS, and it will be appreciated if this information may be forwarded to the American Government.

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August 30, 1947