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No. 1.

*His Majesty's Ambassador to the Chinese Government.*

*British Diplomatic Mission,*

Your Excellency,

*Chungking, January 24, 1939.*

I HAVE the honour to inform you, on instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have accepted the principal proposals of the Chinese Government put forward in your Excellency's note of the 18th November, 1938, on the subject of a proposed new air service between South-West China and British ports. His Majesty's Government desire that these proposals should be embodied in the present exchange of notes and governed by the following provisions:—

- (1) A British company, to be approved by the Chinese Government, shall have permission to operate forthwith a service from Akyab or Rangoon to Kunming and *vice versa* and from Kunming on to Hong Kong and Shanghai as soon as conditions permit and subject to the arrangements provided for below.
- (2) The Eurasia Aviation Corporation or the China National Aviation Corporation, or any other Chinese company to be approved by His Majesty's Government, shall have permission to operate forthwith a service from Kunming to Akyab or Rangoon and *vice versa*.
- (3) Unless subsequently provided for in another arrangement agreed to between His Majesty's Government and the Chinese Government, the present arrangement shall remain in force for a period of five years; and shall thereafter continue until the expiration of one year from the date (either before or after the expiration of the five-year period) when either Government shall have given notice to the other to terminate it.
- (4) His Majesty's Government and the Chinese Government, however, undertake to enter into discussions at a convenient opportunity after the cessation of the present Sino-Japanese hostilities, in order to examine the desirability of the

formation of a Sino-British company, on lines agreeable to both Governments; for the purpose of further developing the Rangoon (or Akyab)—Kunming—Hong Kong (and Shanghai) air route; and, eventually, of taking over from the companies concerned the operation of the air services in question. The routes to be followed by these services shall be subject to the approval of the respective Governments.

I avail, &c.

(In the absence of and on behalf of His  
Majesty's Ambassador),

J. D. GREENWAY.

No. 2.

*Chinese Government to His Majesty's Ambassador.*

Your Excellency,

January 24, 1939.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's note of to-day's date reading as follows:—

[Here follows text of No. 1.]

I have the honour to state, in reply, that the Chinese Government is in full agreement with the provisions above quoted.

I avail, &c.

WANG CHUNG-HUI.