

DEPARTMENT
OF COMMERCE

August 6, 1937

To: District Office Division

IN REPLY REFER TO 23

From: Moser

Subject: Inquiries From District Office Managers on Conditions
in China.

Attached is a radiogram from Judge, San Francisco, similar to a number of inquiries we have had from other District Office Managers. Naturally our District Offices will be besieged with inquiries from business men who will want someone to tell them if shipments to China will be safely delivered, if they are likely to get their money, if Japan will intercept all foreign trade with China, and a host of other problems. Naturally we don't know the answers. If we did we would be the wisest men in the world.

I suggest your Division send out the following radiogram to each District Office:

The Bureau has no available information sufficiently definite to serve as a safe guide to business men concerned with the situation obtaining in China and Japan, ~~stop~~ Obviously conditions are highly confused, uncertain as to the direction they may take and filled with serious potentialities, ~~stop~~ Our personnel therefore must be extremely wary of committing the Bureau to any policy or advice, ~~stop~~ We are, however, watching the situation closely and you may be assured we will inform you immediately of any important information received, ~~end~~

I will be glad to talk this or any other suggestions over with you.

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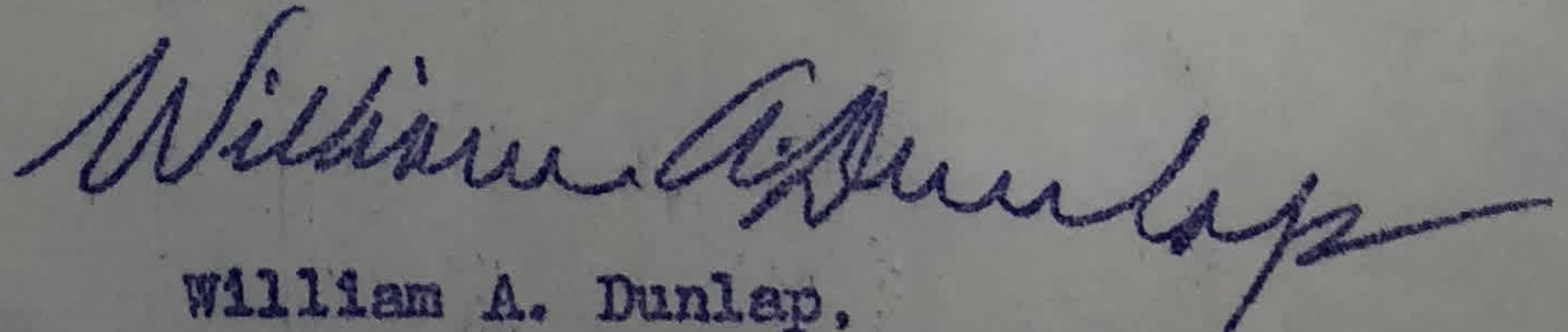
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce
Washington

August 6, 1937.

To: District and Old Plan Cooperative Offices
From: District Office Division
Subject: Inquiries re Conditions in China

For your information and guidance the following information, on the above subject, is furnished:

"The Bureau has no available information sufficiently definite to serve as a safe guide to business men concerned with the situation obtaining in China and Japan. Obviously conditions are highly confused, uncertain as to the direction they may take and filled with serious potentialities. Our personnel therefore must be extremely wary of committing the Bureau to any policy or advice. We are, however, watching the situation closely and you may be assured we will inform you immediately of any important information received."



William A. Dunlap,
Acting Chief, District Office Division.

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To: Mr. William A. Dunlap, Acting Chief,
District Office Division
From: Seattle District Office
Reference: Your letter
Subject: Inquiries re Conditions in China

Please refer to your memorandum of August 6 on the above named subject. We have noted the statement which is made and we will be guided by your instructions.

However, we on the Pacific Coast, are vitally concerned in this matter, particularly so as the newspapers here do not carry as complete information on the subject as they should. Consequently, there is more of a tendency for business men to depend on us for information, so we would appreciate very much being informed immediately of any important developments.

Philip M. Crawford,
Acting District Manager.

To:

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Reference: Your letter

Subject:

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