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(Supplemental to Special Report No. 158
and to be attached thereto)

NOTE

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FOREIGN MAIL

At the time Special Report 158 was submitted, the only statistics available on Chinese telegraphs, offices, etc. were from Dr. Wen Yu-ching's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as published in the Chinese Yearbook, 1936 edition. As Dr. Wen is Director of the Department of Telegraph Administration, Ministry of Communications, it was believed this report was accurate enough to base our statistics on. However, the official statistics have now been released by the Ministry of Communications for this period and are at variance with the figures as published in the Yearbook. We have found that many of the communications figures as published in the Yearbook under Dr. Wen's name are inaccurate due to mistakes in printing and apparently a misunderstanding of the difference between a comma and a point as it would apply to given lengths in kilometers; also we discovered that the Yearbook figures included Manchuria over which China has had no physical control since 1931.

We are submitting herewith Chinese communications statistics as based on the official figures released by the Ministry of Communications. These data should supplant the statistics as submitted on this subject in Special Report 158 dated June 5, 1937. Also attached hereto are China telephone statistics and supplemental aviation information which has been previously radioed to the Bureau for inclusion in the China Section of the Foreign Commerce Yearbook - 1937.

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POSTAL SERVICE
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1935)
(Excluding Manchuria)

Major Establishments:

District Offices		21
1st Class Offices		28
2nd Class Offices		822
3rd Class Offices		1,230
Sub Offices		<u>299</u>
	Total	2,400
Agencies		<u>9,958</u>
	Grand Total	<u>12,358</u>

Minor Establishments:

Town Box Offices		1,049
Rural Box Offices		7,676
Rural Stations		22,868
Stamp Sales Agencies		2,562
Town Agencies		51
Kiosks		<u>3</u>
	Total	<u>34,209</u>

Note: The 1934 and 1935 postal statistics as given on Page 13 of Special Report 158 include Manchuria, over which China has had no physical control since 1931. These figures were taken from the Chinese Yearbook. The postal service statistics submitted herewith are based upon the official report of the Ministry of Communications. Those for 1934 and 1935 as given in Special Report 158 should be ignored.

The following table gives the number of telegraph offices and agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935:

Telegraph Offices
(excluding Manchuria)

1.	District Head Offices	20
2.	Special Class Offices	2
3.	1st Class Offices	12
4.	2nd Class Offices	5
5.	3rd Class Offices	39
6.	4th Class Offices	76
7.	Branch Offices	594
8.	Unclassified Offices	54
	Total	802
	Business Offices	227
	Agencies	
	(including 17 radio offices)	115
	Grand Total	1144

Statistics, Year Ending June 30, 1935
(excluding Manchuria)

	<u>Kilometers</u>
Land Lines	86,222.64
Wires	152,774.70
Underground Cables	127.58
Submarine and River Cables	3,427.45
Mechanical Equipment:	
Creed	23
Wheatstone (duplax and simplex)	81
Teleprinters	8
Morse	1,703
Sounders	70
Batteries	54,013
Total Words Transmitted	166,368,204
Domestic,	156,703,735
International,	9,664,469
Total Messages	5,045,575
Domestic,	4,280,217
International,	465,358

Note: (Revision)
There were 4,611,463 domestic messages sent during fiscal year ending June 30, 1934.

LENGTH OF OVERLAND, UNDERGROUND, and RIVER
CABLES of GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPHS, ending
Fiscal Year June 30, 1935 (excluding Manchuria).

District	<u>Actual Distance in Line Routes in kms.</u>			
	<u>Overland</u>	<u>Submarine & River</u>	<u>Underground</u>	<u>Length of Wires kms.</u>
Kiangsu	3,512.50	19.72	121.14	12,053.10
Chekiang	2,947.40	7.05		6,267.60
Anhwei	3,161.10	2.92		6,441.90
Kiangsi	5,245.40	19.71		8,026.70
Hupei	5,101.50	11.45		9,602.20
Hunan	4,299.80	7.38		7,298.00
Shantung	4,573.60	.91	.10	12,072.50
Shansi	1,732.90			2,517.60
Hopei	2,999.10	2.92	6.34	11,628.40
Honan	2,429.10			6,179.90
Shensi	3,128.30			3,543.90
Kansu)	4,595.90			5,521.90
Ninghsia)				
Fukien	2,721.60	13.76		5,548.40
Kwangtung	5,979.00	2.19		10,787.40
Kwangsi	5,498.30			6,562.60
Yunnan	4,031.44			5,562.60
Kweichow	4,037.30			4,953.60
Szechwan)	7,642.90			12,108.40
Tibet)				
Sinkiang)	7,238.50			9,409.50
Chinghai)				
Jehol)	5,347.00			6,938.50
Chahar)				
Suiyuan)				
Mongolia)				
Others*				
	<u>86,222.64</u>	<u>3,427.45</u>	<u>127.58</u>	<u>152,774.70</u>

* Shanghai-Chefoo, Chefoo-Taku, Chafoo-Tangku, Tsingtao-Sasebo Marine Cables.

Estimated Number of Telephones, July 1, 1937

Official statistics covering the whole of China do not exist. On the basis of such scattered information as is available it is estimated that there were on July 1, 1937, possibly approximately 206,531 telephones, of which 189,131 were in China proper; 16,000 in Hong Kong, and 1400 in Macao.

	<u>No. of Telephones</u>	<u>Date of Available Data</u>
Chinese Government Municipal Systems	67,779	June 30, 1935
Chinese Government Long Distance Provincial Systems	1,735	"
Private Chinese Companies Registered with Ministry of Communications	9,230	June, 1934
Private Chinese Companies <u>not registered</u>	21,010	June 30, 1935
South China Area	2,195	June, 1934
Canton	10,000	
Swatow	1,000	
Other cities in Kwangtung Pr.	500	
Yunnan Province	1,000	
Kweichow "	500	
Kwangsi "	800	
	<u>13,800</u>	Estimated
	115,749	
Plus 15% to cover increases between July 1, 1935 and June 30, 1937, and areas for which information is not available	17,362	
Total Chinese Telephones	<u>133,111</u>	
Shanghai Telephone Co. Inc. (Foreign)	56,020	Dec. 31, 1936
Total Telephones in China Proper	<u>189,131</u>	
Hong Kong (Foreign)	16,000	1933
Macao (")	1,400	Trade Estimate
Grand Total	<u>206,531</u>	

<u>June 30, 1935</u>	<u>Length Line Kilometers</u>	<u>Length Wire* Kilometers</u>
Chinese Government City Systems **(29,997 Bare Aerial; 277,516.77 Cables)	3,162.79	307,513.77**
Chinese Government Long Distance Systems	37,519.71	60,734.69
Plus Long Distance during 1936	4,000.	(Unavailable)
Shanghai Telephone Company	(Unavailable)	<u>335,653.47</u>
 Total:	<u>44,682.50</u>	<u>703,901.93</u>

*Exclusive of the 9-Province Long Distance System, and also South China, for which neither statistics nor estimates are available.

SOUTHWEST AVIATION CORPORATION
(1936)

Passengers Carried	776
Passenger Kilometers	306,939
Mail Carried (Kilograms)	1,022
Baggage Carried (Kilograms)	7,760
Length of line normally operated (miles)	1,296

China Cement Production - 1936

Total for Calendar year approximately	450,000	metric tons.
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