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**SUBJECT:**

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

File: 1300-100683

TO : District Director, Chicago, Illinois

March 22, 1950

FROM : A. Kuckein, Chief, Entry and Departure Section  
San Francisco 11, California

SUBJECT: CHIN, Kim Fung - applicant for admission at this port.

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The following file(s) *is* - are returned herewith:

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577	CHIN NING
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2008-528	CHIN HONG
2070-025	CHAN BING QUE
2070-024	CHAN HUEN
2005-1547	LOUISE FOIN CHIN
2005-1548	GLADYS FOIN CHIN
2005-1549	VICTOR CHIN FOIN
2005-1550	WARREN CHIN FOIN
2005-1551	FRANCIS FOIN CHIN
2008-1824	JESSIE CHIM OR CHIN

Above-named subject(s) was - ~~were~~ admitted at this port on

March 20, 1950 ex \$6 Pan American Airways, Inc. N-1038 V,  
Nov. 24, 1949  
 as USC, Sec. 1993 USRS, as daughter of CHIN QUOCK YIEN

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*[Handwritten signature]*  
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*A. Kuckein*  
 (chf)

CHIN NING  
of  
"WING CHONG HAI COMPANY"  
Merchants  
No's 281-283 Clark street  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

AGE:-Twenty Seven (27) Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 3 Inches.

Shallow Pit, Right of Nose.

(Born in San Francisco, California, U.S.A., June 13, 1880.)

The United States of America. )  
Northern District of Illinois. ) Sat:  
Eastern Division. }



WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States, and residents of the City of Chicago and vicinity, in the division and district aforesaid, Do Herby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-named CHIN NING for upwards of one year last past, during which said year he has been a ~~man~~ reputable resident Chinese Merchant of the said City of Chicago and neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said CHIN NING has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "WING CHONG HAI" COMPANY, Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and other legitimate merchandise at No's 281 & 283 Clark street, in the said city of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said CHIN NING has been so engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed place of business, under the said trade-name and style of the said firm of which he is a member; and that, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said CHIN NING has not been engaged in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of his said business as such merchant as aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, hereunto affixed, and the personal description above, are a true and correct likeness and description of the said CHIN NING (Excepting, however, we do not know the place and date of his birth).

WE have been credibly informed, and believe, that the said CHIN NING has

a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in said firm; and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the firm, exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "WING CHONG HAI" Company, and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, as a bona fide member thereof.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., July 10th, A.D., 1907.

A. L. Anderson

(Address) 19-29 Market St

Chicago, Illinois.

H. C. Dana

(Address) 159 La Salle, St

Chicago, Illinois.

State of Illinois.)  
County of Cook. } ss.  
City of Chicago.)

Audson L. Anderson, of the City of Chicago, in the County and State aforesaid, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:

I am a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the occupation of a Buyer & Salesman.

I am one of the signers of the foregoing and annexed Certificate; and the statements therein made are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this )  
18th day of July, A.D., 1907, be- )  
fore me,

A. L. Anderson

Mark A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

State of Illinois.)  
County of Cook. } ss.  
City of Chicago.)

H. C. Dana, of the City of Chicago, in the County and State aforesaid, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the occupation of a Insurance Agent.

I am one of the signers of the foregoing and annexed Certificate; and the statements therein made are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this )  
18th day of July, A.D., 1907, be- )  
fore me,

H. C. Dana

Mark A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS UNDER RULE 25,  
REGULATIONS OF FEBRUARY 5, 1906.

To

Chicago, Ill., July 10, 1907.

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,  
Chinese Inspector in charge,

Sir:

Chicago, Illinois.

MY NAME IS CHIN NING. I was born on or about June 13, 1880, at No. 742 Washington street, San Francisco, California, in the United States of America; and my Father, Chin Yuen Jung, was a Foreman in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. And I resided in San Francisco until I came to Chicago, in the year 1897. I have never been in China.

In or about the year 1897, I purchased a share and interest in the stock, business and all other of the assets of the "Wing Chong Hai" Company, Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and other legitimate merchandise, of No. 310 Clark street (Since removed to No's 281 & 283 Clark street), in the said city of Chicago; and have been a member of said "Wing Chong Hai" Company, continuously, ever since, that is to say, for the ten (10) years last past. And during the said ten years I have been exclusively engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed places of business, under the said trade-name and style of the said firm of which I am a member. And during the said ten years I have not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

My share and ~~interest~~ interest in the said "Wing Chong Hai" Company, now, is worth One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and upwards.

I desire to visit China and to return, upon the completion of my visit, to resume my said residence and business in Chicago.

Wherefore, I transmit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses other than Chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided by the Regulations of the Department of Commerce and Labor in that behalf.

Very respectfully,

Chin Ning  
c/o Wing Chong Hai Co.,

# 281-283 Clark st., Chicago, Ill.



H. G. Comptroller, H. D. III, S.

*Frank A. Gandy*

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the city of Chicago, in the year of nineteen hundred and seven, this eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

I, Frank A. Gandy, do hereby certify that the signatures of the foregoing and attached are in every particular true and correct copies of the original signatures of the persons whose names appear thereon.

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The United States of America.  
Northern District of Illinois.  
Note: (The return date is in parentheses.)

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO December 7th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
 CHIN NING, :  
 Mer. returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, CHIN F. FOIN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:  
 (In English)

Q. What is your name? A. Chin F. Foin.

Q. What other name have you? A. Chin Yin Sick.

Q. Were you formerly one of the managers at Wing Chong Hai & Co., 319 So. Clark St., Chicago? A. Yes.

Q. Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)  
 A. Yes, it is Chin Ning. He is a partner in the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.

Q. At the time of his departure from the United States, what interest did he hold there? A. \$1,000.00.

Q. You sold your firm to Lun Chong in July of this year, did you not? A. Yes sir.

Q. At the time of that sale, did Chin Ning have the same interest in the firm as he had at the time of his departure?  
 A. Yes.

Q. At the time you made this sale, a reference was made to the members of your firm in China. It was made a part of the agreement that you and your brothers, Chin Yin Quai and Chin Toy, would be responsible for any claims of those members in China in case they returned to the United States? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is Chin Ning one of the members of the firm to whom that agreement had reference to? A. Yes.

Q. Is Chin Ning's interest in the firm at the present time the same as that of Chin Der Bow about whose case I examined you November 13th, 1908, upon his application for a pre-investigation of his case? A. Yes.

Q. At that time you stated that there was about ten thousand dollars worth of debts due to the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.? A. Yes.

Q. Is it your intention now to open the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.? A. Yes.

Q. How soon will you take steps to do that? A. As soon as Chin Ning returns we will open up the store. That is the man we are waiting for.

Q. Have you understood my questions? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Chin F. Foin.

(Signed) Chin Yen Sake.

Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

(1) : Chin Ning, July 18-07

Department of Commerce and Labor

Name - Chin Yen Dui

What is your business - Merchant  
member of firm of Ioring Chong Kai.  
Do you know him (showing photo of  
applicant). Yes it is Chin  
Ning.

Tell me what you know of where  
he was born.

He was born in San Francisco  
no 742 Washington St.

Tell me in your own way how  
you know this to be so

14 years ago I went to China  
and on my return I went to his  
house & saw him as a little  
child

How old was he at that time?  
When I saw him first he was 13  
years old

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Is Chin Ning's mother alive - yes.  
How do you know that, I know she  
wrote to him Ning.

Did they have any other child  
except Chin Ning -

No this is the only child,  
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CHICAGO, July 18, 1907

Case of :L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,  
CHIN NING, :J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,  
Mer. Dep. :L.T.Plummer, Inspector.

Applicant, CHIN NING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Chin Ning.

Q What is your full Chinese name? A Chin Gwok Ning.

Q What is your business? A Merchant, Wing Chong Hai & Co.

Q How long have you been a member of Wing Chong Hai & Co.

A Ten years.

Q How much of an interest have you in that firm? A \$1,000.

Q How long have you had the \$1,000 interest. A Ten years.

Q What are your duties about the store? A I attend to accounts and see about the drugs.

Q What salary do you draw? A \$60.

Q Have you any papers showing your right to be in the United States? A Yes, certificate of birth

Q (Witness produces a certificate of birth, issued to Chin Quock Yien; male; Chinese; date of birth June 13, 1880; name of father, Chin Yin Chung; name of mother, Lee See; nativity of father and mother, China; occupation of father, foreman of railroad; residence of parents, 742 Washington St.; name of physician, Gip Hung Mo.

Also the affidavit of Chin Jun Leung, sworn March 23, 1904, before Thomas S. Mulvey, Notary Public, San Francisco.

Affidavit states that Chin Quock Ning, whose photograph is attached, is the person who was born at the time stated in the certificate of birth. Photograph attached is, ~~that~~ without doubt, that of applicant.

Q Where did you get this paper? A San Francisco.

Q When? A In 1904.

Q How long have you lived in Chicago? A Ten years.

Q Prior to that where did you live? A I lived at San Francisco before and from San Francisco I came on to Chicago.

Q Have you ever been outside the United States? A No.

Q Where are your parents now? A My father is dead; my mother has gone back to China.

Q When did your mother go back to China? A In 1902.

Q How many brothers and sisters have you? A I am the only one.

Q Who did your mother live with in San Francisco from the time you left San Francisco, until she went to China? A She lived alone at 742 Washington Street.

Q Why didn't she come to Chicago with you? A She had her own business there, and she was determined to go back to China.

Q Yes, and she didn't go back to China until five years after you left? A My mother did not do anything there; she only stayed there.

Q Where did your father die and when? A He died in 1898; he died in San Francisco.

Q What did your mother do for a living there for the five years after you came away? A My father left some money for her.

Q When did your mother go to China? A I don't remember the month or day; but I do know it was 1902.

Q You don't remember the month or day when she went to China? A No.

Q The only near relative you had in the United States at that time? A No, I don't remember.

Q You are the only child that they had? A Yes.

Q And yet you don't remember the month or approximately the month when she went to China? A No, I don't remember. I do not want to say what I do not remember.

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- Q Who went with her to China? A She went alone.
- Q How old was she at that time? A About 41.
- Q When were you born? A 13th day, 6th month, 1880.
- Q What was your father's business at that time? A He was foreman of the Southern Pacific Railroad.
- Q And where were you born; what street and number? A I was born in 742 Washington Street, San Francisco.
- Q Did you live at that number until you came to Chicago ten years ago? A Yes.
- Q What kind of a building was it? A Brick.
- Q How many stories? A I do not remember; it has been so long.
- Q What floor did you and your mother live on? A Upstairs, second floor.
- Q What was on the first floor? A There was a store.
- Q What firm? A I do not remember the firm, because I was small at that time.
- Q Which way does that street run that you were living on, north or south, or east or west? A I do not remember.
- Q Any street cars on it? A I do not remember.
- Q What firms were there on that street on either side of the building that you lived in? A I do not remember.
- Q And yet you lived there on your own statement until you were 17 years old, continuously? A Yes; 17 years when I came to Chicago.
- Q Who lived in the same building with your mother and you; what families? A I was small at that time.
- Q Who were the boys that you played with? A No, I don't remember.
- Q Now is it not a fact that you bought this paper since you came to Chicago? A It was sent to me.
- Q Who sent it? A My school teacher.
- Q What was his name? A Chin Moon Chun.
- Q How did he happen to think to send you that paper when he had not seen you, on your own statement, for at least seven years at that time? A As I am in business here in Chicago, it is best for me to have my certificate of birth.
- Q Is there anyone here in Chicago who knows anything about your being born in San Francisco. A Chin Foin knows.
- Q What does he know about it? A I do not know, but I know he knows that I was born in San Francisco.
- Q Did you ever see him in San Francisco? A No, I only knew him when I came up here.
- Q Is there anyone else besides Chin Foin? A I do not remember anybody else.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) Chin Ning, Applicant,  
(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallion, Interpreter  
(Signed) L.T. Plummer, Inspector

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Mer. Dep.

CHICAGO, July 19, 1907

:L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,  
:J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,  
:A.T.Wilson, Stenographer.

Applicant, CHIN NING, recalled, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q How much of an interest have you in the firm of Wing Chong  
Hai? A \$1,000.

Q How long have you had that interest? A About ten years.

Q Give me the names of the partners of your firm whose entire time is devoted to its business? A Chin Yung Quai; Chin Foin; Chin Hor; myself (Chin Ning) Chin Toy; Ngan Toy, Kee; Chin Der Bow; Chin Deer; Chin See; Chin Wing; Chin Wing Yuen.

Q How about Chin Fong Kee? A There is a Chin Fong Kee, 12 now, with Chin Fong Kee.

Q How long has Chin Wing Yuen been in the store? A As long as I have.

Q The name Chin Wing Yuen was not given by Chin Foin, the manager, in his examination; the name Chin Wing was. A I know him by that name; may be he has other names.

Q Is he Chin Wing? A No.

Q What is a fair estimate of the goods you have on hand in your store? A \$14,000 of stock now.

Q Are you going to China in your own business, or business of the firm? A I am going to see my mother, and then I am going to see about some goods for the store.

Q Who will take your place in the store while you are gone? A Chin Hor.

Q What will you do when you come back to the United States? A I am going back to the store.

Q Have you anything further to say? A No I have nothing else to say.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) Chin Ning, Applicant,  
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,  
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.

CHICAGO, July 18, 1907

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:L.T.Plummer,  
:A.T.Wilson,

Examining Inspector,  
Stenographer

Witness, CHIN F. FOIN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in English:

Q What is your name? A Chin F. Foin.

Q And you are manager of Wing Chong Hai, 281 South Clark St., are you? A Yes.

Q How long have you been manager? A Since 1897.

Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?

A Our chief clerk; his name is Chin Ning.

Q Is he a member of your firm? A Yes.

Q What interest has he? A \$1,000.

Q How long has he been a member? A Since 1897.

Q What are his duties about the store? A Clerk.

Q Who are the partners of your firm whose entire time is devoted to its business? A Chin See; Chin Wing; Chin Toy; Chin Yuen Quai; myself (Chin F. Foin) Chin Ning; Chin Hor; Chin Der Bow; Chin Fong Kee; Ng Toy Kee; Chin Deer.

Q What would you say is a fair estimate of the value of the goods you have on hand at the present time? A About \$14,000.

Q What salary does Chin Ning draw? A \$60.

Q Including dividends? A No.

Q How long has he been in the store, all his time devoted to its business? A Always been in the store.

Q During the time he has been a member of your firm has he done any manual labor outside the store? A No.

Q Is there any laundry, restaurant or other institution employing manual labor connected with your store? A No.

Q Is Chin Ning registered, do you know? A He has a birth paper. He was born in San Francisco.

Q Is he going to China on business of the firm or his own personal business? A Business of the firm.

Q How long will he be gone? A About six or seven months.

Q Who will take his place while he is gone? A We have not selected the man yet, but we will.

Q What is Chin Ning's full Chinese name? A Chin Gwok Ning.

Q Is he married? A No.

Q How long has he had the \$1,000 interest? A Since 1897.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) Chin F. Foin, Witness,

(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.

CHICAGO, July 18, 1907

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Mer. Dep.

:L.T.Plummer,  
:A.T.Wilson,

Examining Inspector,  
Stenographer.

Witness, CHIN F. FOIN, recalled, testified in English:

Q What do you know of your own knowledge as to Chin Ning's birth? A I know he was born in San Francisco, and his father was foreman of the railroad there. His father has been here a long time, and he died sometime ago.

Q Did you ever see this boy in San Francisco yourself? A Yes when I first came; he was a little kid. The boy was little and I only knew his father, and I saw the boy in San Francisco at that time.

Q Did you see his mother at that time? A Yes, I saw his mother.

Q How old was he? A About four or five years.

Q How old was his father at that time, would you say? A I could not remember. My father knew him well and told him to take care of me. I met him that time in San Francisco.

Q How do you know that this is the same boy that you saw in San Francisco as a kid? A Afterward we wrote him, and our firm took him in.

Q Did you write him or to his father to have the boy come here? A We wrote to the boy.

Q When did you first come to the United States; what year?  
A 1892.

Q And was that when you first saw this boy, Chin Ning? A Yes.

Q And at that time you think he was four or five years old? A May be older than that. He was a kid. I didn't speak to him at that time.

Q Is there anybody else in Chicago who knows anything about this boy's birth? A My older brother may know.

Q Was he with you at the time you came through? A Yes.

Q Is there anything further you care to say? A No.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) Chin F. Foin, Witness,  
(Signed) L.T.Plummer Inspector.

CHICAGO, July 18, 1907

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
CHIN NING, : J.G.C.Longchallion Interpreter.  
Mer.Dep.

Witness, Chin Yung Quai, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Chin Yung Quai

Q What is your business? A Merchant, member of firm of  
Wing Chong Hai.

Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes;  
it is Chin Ning.

Q Tell me what you know of where he was born? A He was  
born in San Francisco, No. 742 Washington St.

Q Tell me in your own way how you know this to be so? A  
Fourteen years ago I went to China and on my return I went to his  
house and saw him as a little child.

Q How old was he at that time? A When I saw him first he  
was 13 years old.

Q Why did you happen to go to his house? A Because I knew  
his father.

Q Who was his father? Chin Yin Chung.

Q Any relation to you? A He is my cousin.

Q Is he any near relative? A No only a clan cousin.

Q How did you happen to have interest enough in him to call  
on him? A I went to see him because we are cousins.

Q When did you ever see Chin Yin Chung before you came to see  
him in San Francisco? A I first saw him in China.

Q When in China? Did he live near you? A In Sin Ching  
Fow, about four miles from my home town.

Q Was Chin Yin Chung married when you saw him in China? A Yes.

Q Did he have any children? A No he had no children in  
China.

Q When did you see Chin Yin Chung in China before you stopped  
to see him in San Francisco? A In K.S. 13 - 4th month, I dont re-  
call the day.

Q At that time you say he had no children? A No.

Q Was his wife in China with him? A Yes. They came to  
San Francisco a few months after I saw him in China.

Q You are positive you saw him in China K.S. 13 - 4th month,  
are you? A I mean K.S. 3.

Q How did you happen to see him in China K.S. 3? A I went  
to see him because he was going to San Francisco and I wanted to  
say good-bye to him.

Q How long after that did you come to the United States? -  
A Three years after.

Q Did you come via San Francisco? A Yes.

Q Did you stop and visit Chin Yin Chung? A Yes, as soon as  
I arrived, I went to visit him.

Q Did he have any children then? A Yes he had one son.

Q Did Chin Yin Chung have any brothers? A Yes, he has a  
brother in China.

Q How did you happen to be so well acquainted with Chin Yin  
Chung that you went four miles to say good-bye to him before he came  
to the United States? A I wanted to give him some presents because  
he was going away.

Q Why did you have such an interest in this particular man?  
He was no near relative? A Because we were good friends and he was  
a clan cousin.

Q You first saw this boy Chin Ning when you first came to the  
United States K.S. 6, and then again you saw him when you returned  
from China 14 years ago; is that right? A Yes, when I first came

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I saw him, and when I returned K.S. 19 I saw him again.

Q When did you next see him? A In K.S. 21, when I returned from China another time, I saw him in San Francisco.

Q When did you next see him? A The same year, when he came to Chicago, K.S. 21.

Q Have you been to China since K.S. 21? A No.

Q You are sure this is the boy you saw there, are you? A Yes, I am.

Q When did Chin Ning come to Chicago first? A K.S. 23.

Q Where is Chin Yin Chung now? A In China.

Q When did he go to China? A K.S. 23.

Q Before or after Chin Ning came to Chicago? A His father went away one month before Chin Ning came to Chicago.

Q Did Chin Yin Chung's wife go with him? A Yes, they went together.

Q How do you know this to be so? A Chin Yin Chung wrote me.

Q How did he happen to write you? A Because he was going away to China and he wrote and told me.

Q Has he ever written you since he went to China? A Sometimes he writes me and sometimes he writes his son.

Q Is he still alive? A No, he is dead.

Q When did he die? A About four years ago.

Q Is Chin Ning's mother alive? A Yes.

Q How do you know that? A I know she writes to Chin Ning.

Q Did they have any other child, except Chin Ning. A No, this is the only child.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese

(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,  
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.