

## CLAIMS RESULTING FROM ACTIVITIES OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES

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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 refer to the latter's note, no. T'ai-o-36/09410, of May 8, 1947, outlining certain suggestions in regard to investigation and payment of claims against the United States Government arising out of activities of the United States military forces in China. The note referred to was responsive to memorandum no. 885-19, dated February 28, 1946, submitted by Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer to His Excellency, President Chiang Kai-shek.

It is apparent that General Wedemeyer's proposal was made in light of the conditions then existing. Various military bases in Western China had been evacuated and a number of claims had not been settled nor other disposition made. The parts of China where the claimants lived were becoming inaccessible to American troops. Facilities for investigation and payment of accident claims were not readily available. The number of American military personnel in China was being reduced radically. What American Forces would remain in China was undecided.

The circumstances of early February 1946 were substantially different from those now prevailing. Claims which were then outstanding have been settled or other disposition of them has been made. Incidents and accidents reported have been investigated. Because of the lapse of time since American forces have withdrawn from remote areas, it is unlikely that additional incidents from those areas will be reported in the future. Claims arising from incidents occurring currently have been, and are being, processed under the provisions of the Act of Congress commonly referred to as the Foreign Claims Act and related regulations of the Army and Navy. The number of claims being