

EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT TRIP

December 4, 1954

To: Chief, Program Support Division

From: R. C. Trout

Purpose of Trip: To procure Radio Test Equipment for Operation Exodus.

Duration of Trip: 10 days, 24 Nov. through 3 Dec. 1954

Locations Visited: HongKong, BCC and Manila, P.I.

Officials Contacted: Mr. Harrington, Consul General at HongKong
Mr. MacLeroy, Embassy Procurement Officer at HongKong
Mr. Rogers, Embassy Procurement and Housing Officer at Manila.
Mr. Lynch, Material Support Division at Clark AFB
Mr. Wilder, Program Support Division at USOM/Manila

HONGKONG: The only source of electronic supplies in HongKong is on the "Black Market". There has been no official imports of electronic or radio equipment, discounting commercial broadcast receivers, or spare parts since 1952. The test equipment desired was not available and Mr. MacLeroy recommended that I proceed to Manila where the equipment was available at Clark AFB and also commercially. I arrived in HongKong on the afternoon of 24 Nov. and departed in the evening of 29 Nov.

MANILA: Procured three TS-413 Signal Generators and six Simpson type 260 Multi-Meters in Manila. Negotiations were being made to procure three Simpson type 303 Vacuum Tube Volt Meters. These VTVM's will be delivered in Saigon on 10 Dec. 1954. All items required were obtained with the exception of the spare parts for the TS-413's. The assistance of Mr. Rogers at the Embassy in Manila expedited the acquisition of all items. Arrived in Manila on 29 Nov. 1954 and departed on the morning of 3 Dec. 54.