

February 11, 1937.

Mr. Jaun T. Trippe,  
President & General Manager,  
Pan-American Airlines, Inc.,  
Chrysler Building,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Jaun:

According to newspaper stories, the first flight trip from Alameda to Hong Kong will be about March 24th. Of course, I appreciate the fact that it would be impossible to determine the exact date of the departure of the clipper, however I wonder if it would be possible to ascertain the name of the ship to make the trip.

The thought occurred to me that it would be most appropriate for the China Clipper to make the first flight to Hong Kong. As Ed Swasey said, on our trip, one for Ripley would be that the China Clipper had never been to China. In fact, the China Clipper only made the trip to the Philippine Islands while the Philippine Clipper went all the way to China. I realize this is something that you must naturally work out to suit your own plans. My interest in asking for the ship's name is due to the fact that I am fixing up 100 covers on a special engraved envelope to send over on the first flight as well as 100 to come back from Hong Kong. If I knew in advance that you would use the China Clipper, I could easily embody it in the engraved envelope.

I am still anxious to find out what the postage is going to be from Hong Kong to Alameda. It is my intention to send the covers over in advance, have them prepared, thereby giving me the opportunity of making them as attractive as possible.

Your representative, Mr. Norris, showed the South American Clipper trip pictures at the Fort Worth Boat Club last night. There were about 100 present for dinner and we all enjoyed the pictures immensely. Following the presentation of the pictures, I gave a descriptive talk of the trip to South America as well as on my trip to China and, in my humble way, paid the Pan American the greatest tribute possible in the great



pioneering and constructive work you are doing for this country. Incidentally, I told them I was hoping to be included on the list for the first trip across the Atlantic, as after having made the first clipper trip to South American and to China, I would be greatly disappointed not to have an opportunity to make the trip across the Atlantic. So, I shall appreciate your careful consideration.

If you are in position to give a reply in regard to the name of the clipper, I would appreciate having you wire me collect.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

AGC.KD