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# REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

Consult Sections XIII-7 and XIII-8 and Notes of the Foreign Service Regulations

American Consulate General,  
Tsingtao, China, Jan. 25, 1947.  
[Place and date]

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Name in full: Charles Joseph Sharkey Age: 26  
[As nearly as can be ascertained]

Native or naturalized: Native Occupation: Pilot - CNAC - Shanghai

Date of death: January 5 about 8 a.m. 1947  
[Month] [Day] [Hour] [Minute] [Year]

Place of death: Near Tsangkow Airfield, Tsingtao, China  
[Number and street] or [Hospital or hotel] [City] [Country]

Cause of death: Crash of CNAC commercial airlight No. 121 (See despatch  
No. 20, January 29, 1947, to Department).  
[Include authority for statement]

Disposition of the remains: Remains were sent to Shanghai, China.

Local law as to disinterring remains: None

Disposition of the effects: In possession of wife.

Person or official responsible for custody of effects and accounting therefor:

Accompanied by relatives or friends as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
<u>Mrs. Lydia Bower Sharkey</u>	<u>1821 Avenue Joffre Shanghai, China</u>	<u>Wife</u>

Address of relatives (so far as known):

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
<u>1. Mr. Charles Henry Sharkey,</u>	<u>Lawrence, Massachusetts</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>2. Mrs. Gertrude V. Jordan</u>	<u>Lawrence, Massachusetts</u>	<u>Mother</u>

Notification sent to:

Wife by CNAC, Shanghai on January 6, 1947  
[Name] [Mail or telegraph] [Date]

Parents by Wife, Shanghai on January 6, 1947  
[Name] [Mail or telegraph] [Date]

This information and data concerning an inventory of the effects, accounts, etc., have been placed under File 330 in the correspondence of this office.

Remarks:

C. J. Spiker  
Consul General of the United States of America.

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No fee prescribed.

(To be sent in duplicate to the Department of State. To be forwarded in triplicate when decedent is an American-citizen seaman, a pensioner, or a Veterans Administration or Social Security beneficiary. 16-10020 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE)

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11TH DIST., MASSACHUSETTS

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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

April 28, 1947

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Mr. Albert E. Clattenburg, Jr.  
Chief, Special Projects Division  
Office of Controls  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clattenburg:

I am writing you in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sharkey of 1112 Bowdoin Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts, who is most anxious to have the body of their son, Charles J. Sharkey, returned to this country from China.

Mr. Sharkey was at one time a member of the Flying Tigers, and until his death was a ranking pilot in the Chinese airways affiliate of Pan American World Airways. He was killed in a commercial airlines crash over China on January 20, 1947, and his remains removed to Shanghai, where they are now reposing at the International Funeral Directors' Establishment at 207 Kiachow Road.

Since his death, his family has been endeavoring to have his body returned to this country, but to date their efforts in this direction have been unsuccessful.

I shall, therefore, deeply appreciate your looking into this matter for me with a view toward giving me your advice and assistance on this particular case.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness in this connection, and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*John F. Kennedy*

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My dear Mr. Kennedy:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 28, 1947 concerning the desire of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sharkey of 1112 Bowdoin Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts, to have the remains of their son, Charles J. Sharkey, shipped to the United States from China.

A copy of your letter has been referred to the American Consulate General at Shanghai, China with a request that the Department be informed of what arrangements can now be made for the shipment of the remains of the decedent to the United States and the estimated cost of the transaction. Upon the receipt of a report from the Consulate General in the matter, a further communication will be addressed to you.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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Acting Legislative Counsel

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The Honorable  
John F. Kennedy,  
House of Representatives.

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To the  
American Consular Officer in Charge,  
Shanghai, China.

The Secretary of State encloses a copy of a letter received from the Honorable John F. Kennedy, House of Representatives, concerning the desire of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sharkey to have the remains of their son, Charles Joseph Sharkey, shipped from China to the United States. It is understood that the remains of the decedent were removed from Tsingtao to Shanghai, where they are now reposing at the International Funeral Directors' establishment at 207 Kiachow Road.

The Officer in charge is requested to inform the Department of what arrangements can now be made for the shipment of the remains to the United States and the estimated cost of the transaction.

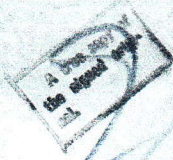
Enclosure:

Copy of letter from the Honorable John F. Kennedy.

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In reply refer to  
SPD 393.113 Sharkey,  
Charles J. Joseph

My dear Mr. Kennedy:

Reference is made to the telephone conversation of July 22, 1947 concerning the shipment of the remains of the late Charles J. Sharkey from China to the United States.

The Department has received a report from the American Consulate General at Shanghai stating it has been informed by the China National Aviation Corporation that the widow of the decedent is at present awaiting the issuance of a temporary visitor's visa by the Consulate General to enable her to accompany the remains to the United States. The Consulate General further states that it is now processing Mrs. Sharkey's visa case and it is anticipated she will be granted her visa and leave Shanghai accompanying the remains in the near future.

There is enclosed a copy of the consular report of death, form 192, prepared by the American Consulate General at Tsingtao, China, reporting the death of Charles J. Sharkey on January 5, 1947 at Tsingtao.

Sincerely yours,

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Albert E. Clattenburg, Jr.  
Chief, Special Projects Division

Enclosure:

Form 192.

The Honorable  
John F. Kennedy,  
House of Representatives.

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