

CONFIRMATION

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FROM: Willauer, Canton

TO: CLAULT

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THREE PARTS

FOLLOWING OUR BEST APPRECIATION PRESENT STATUS HERE

1. WITH REDS APPROACHING HENGYANG CANTON WILL FALL TWO TO THREE WEEKS STOP BEST HOPE HERE THAT PAI CHUNG HSI CAN EXTRICATE ARMY AND WITHDRAW TO KWANGSI STOP THIS DOUBTFUL
2. ONE REPORT THAT SZECHWAN PUSH NOW PAST WANHSIEN BUT BELIEVE MAJOR DRIVE ON SZECHWAN WILL COME THRU HANCHUNG AFTER LANCHOW FALLS WHICH PROBABLY SIX WEEKS STOP. THIS IS A FOOD DRIVE TO COMPENSATE FOR FLOODED HUNAN RICE BOWL STOP SUCCESS WILL BISECT FREE WEST CHINA BUT WILL ALSO LEAVE VITAL RED FOOD SUPPLY ROUTES EAST HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO FLANK ATTACKS
3. FIRST HAND REPORTS NORTHWEST ARE THAT MA PU FANG AND MA HUNG KWAI DUE LACK OF AMMUNITION WITHDRAWING IN GOOD ORDER FROM KANSU TO CHINGHAI AND NINGHSIA RESPECTIVELY TAKING WITH THEM INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT FOOD AND ALL AVAILABLE SEEDS AND SEEKING PRESERVE FORCES INTACT FOR FUTURE WORK, UNTIL THEY GET AID cannot directly OPPOSE STRONGER RED DRIVE UP KANSU CORRIDOR TO ESTABLISH SUPPLY CONTACT WITH SOVIETS STOP MEANWHILE MORALE GOOD AND DEFENSIVE POSITIONS FLANKING KANSU IMPREGNABLE STOP WILL HARRASS THIS LINE AND CAN CUT IT WHEN SUPPLIES ARRIVE
4. FOREGOING EXPECTED REGARDLESS OF AMERICAN AID STOP IMMEDIATE HELP WOULD PUT MAS BOTH IN FIGHT COULD MAKE - AED - POSITION SZECHWAN VULNERABLE AND COULD IF VERY QUICK - SAVE - YUNNAN STOP POSITION THERE MOST UNHEALTHY NOW
5. PRESENT GOVERNMENT PLANS ARE - AAA - SINCE AUG EIGHT ALL AIR LINES EVACUATING GOVERNMENT FAMILIES NONESSENTIAL PERSONNEL TO CHUNGKING STOP TOP OFFICIALS STILL STATE INTEND DEFEND CANTON AND HAVE A NEW REINFORCEMENTS WE SKEPTICAL SUCCESS.

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6. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - HERE YESTERDAY SAW ACTING PRESIDENT PREMIER FOREIGN MINISTER AND

GOVERNOR RECEIVING EXCELLENT INTERVIEWS AND HE HAS WEALTH GOOD MATERIAL STOP

WE HAVE SUPPLIED MUCH MATERIAL AND HE IS READY TO WRITE STOP PREVIOUSLY HAD

EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS MACARTHUR TOKYO WHO AUTHORIZED HIM TO QUOTE DIRECTLY STRONG

STATEMENT URGING IMMEDIATE AID INCLUDING STATEMENT QUOTE YOU CAN SIGN MY NAME TO

ANY THING GEN CHENNAULT HAS SAID UNQUOTE. HAVE URGED SENTER CABLE STORY SOONEST

BUT HE PREFERENCES HOLD IT UNTIL RETURN STOP HE RETURNS IMMEDIATELY AFTER POSSIBLE

FLYING TRIP TAIWAN GIMO.

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7. RECOMMENDATIONS: PARTICULARLY IN VIEW MCARTHUR ENDORSEMENT ESSENTIAL YOU STAY

WORK USA WHEN THIS PUBLISHED (b) ALL FRIENDS HERE LOOK TO YOU AS GREAT HOPE

FOR AID AND EXPECT YOU SEE MATTER THROUGH TO END (c) WE TAKING POSITION POSSIBILITY

AID STILL OPEN FOR ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ LIBERAL LEADERS ON AD HOC BASIS WHICH GREATLY RESTORED

MORALE STOP HOPE WE RIGHT AND WILL HEAR SOME OF SAME FROM YOU 9d) PLEASE REPLY

MY QUESTION WHERE SEND CLAIRE ANNA AND CYNTHIA IN MEANTIME HAVE AUTHORIZED

CYNTHIA GO HONGKONG SATURDAY WITH BABY LIVE CAPT HAYES HOUSE ETA EIGHT SINCE

WRITING ABOVE RADIO LANCHOW REPORTS DANGER INCREASED MAY BE ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT.