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- FOLLOWING BASED ON REPORTS FROM MAYA JUST RETURNED FROM LANCHOW AND FROM LEONARD CLARK WHO ARRIVED WITH HER AFTER COMPLETING STRATEGIC SURVEY CHINGHAI FOR MA PU FANG STOP REPORTS SUPPLEMENTED BY PERSONAL TALKS WITH MA WHO ALSO ARRIVED YESTERDAY AND IS STAYING WITH WHITEY
- A. TWO RED COLUMNS ON APPROACHING LANCHOW IN FORCE FROM EAST CAN TAKE CITY WITHIN FEW DAYS BUT MAY BY PASS IT TO CONVERGE IN SINING WHENCE MAS TROOPS NOW WITHDRAWING WITH EVERYTHING THEY CAN TAKE WITH THEM.
 - B. MA PREPARED WITHDRAW DEEP INTO CHINGHAI VIA TANGARTOYEKUNDOANDOR AREA NEAR TSAI DAM SWAMP WITH HIS EIGHTY THOUSAND LOYAL TROOPS WHERE HE CAN HOLE UP WITH AVAILABLE FOOD HORSES LOYAL ALLIES AND NATURAL DEFENSES UNTIL NECESSARY ARMS CAN REACH HIM.
 - C. WITH RAPID DETERIORATION REST OF WEST CHINA MA MAY SOON BE ONLY ANTI COMMUNIST BULWARK LEFT WHICH ATTESTED BY EXTRAORDINARY PRESENT RED EFFORT ELIMINATE HIM. HE IS DETERMINED ON PROLONGED RESISTANCE AND SEES CHINGHAI AS EASTERN ANCHOR TO BROAD MOSLEM BELT FLANKING SOVIETS THRU CENTRAL ASIA TO TURKEY. HE ALSO REGARDS POSITIONS IN CHINGHAI AND FORMOSA AS PINNACLES ONE DAY CONVERGING TO FREE CHINA.
 - D. REGARDLESS OF WHAT AID IS GIVEN REST OF CHINA WE BELIEVE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT GO MA AMOUNT IMPORT XT ONCE. HE HERE NOW TO ENLIST SUPPLY AID CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL PROBABLY GIVE HIM GOOD STOCK ARMS CHUNGKING TO BY AIR LIFTED BY USA MAS EXPENSE. THIS MOVEMENT WILL HOLD HI, FOR BRIEF TIME BUT WILL ALSO BADLY DEplete HIS TREASURY. HE NEEDS HELP QUICKLY TO HOLD HIS POSITION.

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E. MA HUNG KWEI OUT OF FIGHT. HIS TROOPS HAVE RETREATED TO NINGHSIA AID CAN BE DISREGARDED HERE ON OUT. RELATION MAS BADLY STRAINED.

AIR MAILING YOU FULLER MEMO INCLUDING INFO ON AIRFIELDS CHINGHAI BY AIR ABLE FOR POSSIBLE AIR LIFT ROUTE FROM CHABUA. ALSO SENDING SOME OF FOREGOING TO SENTNER HONGKONG STOP HE DEPARTS MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY AT LATEST DEPENDENT ON GIMO MEETING.