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1. Chinese Communist troops in Tibet consist of the 52 Division, 18 Army, 2 Field Army, under the command of CHIANG Kuo-hua<sup>1</sup> and political commissar T'AN Kuan-san (譚冠三). These troops reached Lhasa on 25 October and made a formal entrance to the city on the morning of 26 October.
2. A total of about 12,000 troops entered Tibet: approximately 10,000 infantry soldiers, one battalion of army engineers, one animal transport battalion, and one coolie transport battalion. In addition, 50 technicians, including telecommunications specialists, survey parties, geologists, and specialists on cultural, propaganda and Party affairs, accompanied the troops to Tibet.
3. Before the troops entered Tibet the road headquarters of the 18 Army moved from Chiangtu to Lsich'ang (102-18, 27-53). Additional troops were being sent to Ssuta (鬼達)<sup>2</sup> and Shihtu (95-52, 30-49). Advance units of army engineers who are to build the Sikang-Tibet highway had reached Alanto (94-16, 30-41) by the end of October 1951.
4. After the arrival of the 18 Army in Tibet the Chinese Communists planned to carry out the following measures, which were scheduled for completion by March 1952:
  - a. To welcome the Panchen Lama from Hsining (101-49, 36-37) back to Tibet. The Tibet Service Committee established by the Chinese Communists under the Northwest Bureau at Hsining is to accompany the Panchen Lama on his trip to Tibet.
  - b. To consult with the Dalai and Panchen Lamas concerning the organization and personnel of the Tibetan Military and Administrative Committee; and to set a date for the inauguration of this organization.
  - c. To establish the Tibetan Military Area with CHIANG Ching-wu<sup>3</sup> as commander and CHIANG Kuo-hua as deputy commander.

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- d. To reorganize the local Tibetan troops into units to be assigned to the Tibetan Military Area.
- e. To establish a People's Revolutionary College for training Tibetan military and governmental personnel.
- f. To publish newspapers in both Chinese and Tibetan languages.
- g. To establish a Tibetan radio station.
- h. To establish the Tibetan branch of the People's Bank and to print jen min piao bearing Tibetan characters which will be circulated at a fixed rate against the local Tibetan currency.

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