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2. Guards at Indo-Tibetan Frontier

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1. Construction work was going on at one place on Lake Manasarowar (81-25, 30-40) in February 1952, within a restricted area patrolled by Chinese Communist soldiers. Chinese troops were numerous around the lake. Caves had been excavated in the mountains near the lake, and one soldier said that they were to be used for winter quarters.[1]

2. Although Indian pilgrims were still allowed to visit Lake Manasarowar in early 1952, all persons crossing from India into Tibet were rigorously searched by Chinese Communist guards at the border: they were made to undress, all items of clothing were shaken out and examined, and their bodies were searched.

3. The Tibetan frontier at the point of entry from India for the pilgrimage[2] was guarded by many Chinese Communist soldiers carrying rifles with fixed bayonets. Machine gun posts were placed at 200-meter intervals.

4. The normal complement of frontier guards on the Indian side of the border is two soldiers.[3] Travelers going into Tibet are required only to produce their passports, which are not examined.

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1. [redacted] reported plans to build an airfield near Lake Manasarowar.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] not state the point of entry, it appears probable that it would be on the route passing from India through Taklakhar (81-10, 30-15). An overt report [redacted] 25X1 stated that there were 300,000 Chinese Communist troops in southwest Tibet between Lake Manasarowar and the Indo-Tibetan border. The number is doubtless highly exaggerated.

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] only one of the guards was on duty, and that border patrols were extremely lax. 25X1A

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