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(SUMMARY). RESIDENTS IN KWANGTUNG AND KIANGSU PROVINCES WRITE OF ARMED CLASHES IN CANTON, CH'ANCHIANG AND OTHER AREAS THROUGHOUT KWANGTUNG, AND OF DISRUPTIONS IN HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AND DEEPENING TENSIONS. IN HIS LETTER OF 17 JUNE A FACTORY WORKER RETURNING FROM HOME LEAVE IN SWATOW WRITES FROM SHANGHAI THAT HE IS UNABLE TO PROCEED FURTHER TO CH'ANCHIANG BECAUSE OF THE ABNORMAL TRANSPORTATION SITUATION THERE. A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE IN CH'ANCHIANG STATES THAT DUE TO THE PRESENT TENSE SITUATION IN HIS AREA MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE RETURNED HOME. A CORRESPONDENT ON HIS WAY TO HSUWEN, KWANGTUNG, WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED IN CH'ANCHIANG FROM CANTON, DESCRIBES THE FIGHTING WHICH ERUPTED BETWEEN THE

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TWO FACTIONS IN CHUNGSHAN UNIVERSITY IN CANTON WHEN THE RED FLAG FACTION ATTACKED THE EAST WIND GROUP. HE ADDS THAT THERE ARE STILL DIFFICULTIES AHEAD BECAUSE THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN CH'ANCHIANG AND HSUWEN HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CLOSED DOWN TO TRAFFIC AND ARMED CLASHES HAVE SPREAD FROM THE TOWNS AND CITIES TO THE FARMS AND VILLAGES. END OF SUMMARY.)

1. KIANGSU PROVINCE, SHANGHAI, 17 JUNE 1968. A FACTORY WORKER. ON 11 MAY WE LEFT FOR SWATOW TO VISIT OUR RELATIVES AFTER HAVING BEEN GRANTED HOME LEAVE BY OUR FACTORY IN CH'ANCHIANG, KWANGTUNG. HOWEVER, AFTERWARDS WE WERE UNABLE TO RETURN TO THE FACTORY DUE TO THE DIFFICULTIES IN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CH'ANCHIANG AND SO WE ARE NOW TEMPORARILY STAYING IN SHANGHAI. IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH OR TWO BEFORE THE TRANSPORTATION SITUATION IN CH'ANCHIANG CAN BE RESTORED TO NORMAL.

2. KWANGTUNG PROVINCE, CH'ANCHIANG (N 22-54, E 109-49), 10 JUNE 1968. A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE. DUE TO THE PRESENT TENSE SITUATION HERE MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE RETURNED HOME. I HAVE TO REMAIN HERE BECAUSE OF CERTAIN WORK CONDITIONS WHICH DO NOT PERMIT ME TO LEAVE.

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3. CANTON, 8 JUNE 1968. A FARM WORKER. THE ATMOSPHERE IN CANTON CHANGED SUDDENLY A FEW DAYS AGO WHEN FIGHTING ERUPTED BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS IN CHUNGSHAN UNIVERSITY. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN THE RED FLAG FACTION ATTACKED THE EAST WIND GROUP AND THE DISPUTE IS NOT YET SETTLED. BOTH SIDES THREATENED TO SEEK OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. CONSEQUENTLY, TENSION IS HIGH THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CITY. THE SITUATION IS EVEN WORSE TODAY, SO WE HAVE DECIDED TO LEAVE BEFORE IT BECOMES WORSE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE GOING TO BE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT TENSION IS HIGH IN BOTH YANGCHIANG (N 21-52, E 111-53) AND CH'ANCHIANG.

CH'ANCHIANG, 11 JUNE. SAME CORRESPONDENT. WE LEFT CANTON FOR THE EAST IS RED FARM NEAR HSUWEN (N 20-25, E 110-07) ON 9 JUNE BECAUSE THE CANTON - CH'ANCHIANG HIGHWAY HAD REOPENED TO TRAFFIC. WE ARRIVED SAFELY IN CH'ANCHIANG ON 10 JUNE. HOWEVER, AS SOON AS GOT HERE WE REALIZED THAT WE WOULD FACE MORE DIFFICULTIES AHEAD BECAUSE THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN CH'ANCHIANG AND HSUWEN HAD COMPLETELY CLOSED DOWN TO TRAFFIC. MOREOVER, ARMED CLASHES HAVE SPREAD FROM THE TOWNS AND CITIES TO THE FARMS AND VILLAGES. SOME FARMS IN HAIK'ANG (N 20-55, E 110-05) WERE ATTACKED AND MANY

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FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WERE FORCED TO FLEE. THE MAY FIRST FARM OF HSUWEN, ON WHICH I USED TO WORK, WAS ALSO BESIEGED BY MORE THAN 1,000 PERSONS SENT FROM THE HSIEN VILLAGE OF HSUWEN. THE MAY FIRST FARM IS ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM OUR FARM. THE EAST IS RED FARM WHICH IS NOW ADMINISTERED BY HAIK'ANG AND IS SITUATED BETWEEN HSUWEN AND HAIK'ANG IS AN IMPORTANT JUNCTION OF COMMUNICATION, SO IT APPEARS THAT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH OUR TRAVEL PLANS.

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