

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

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1. In early January 1953, the Central and South China Military Area (CSCMA) was under orders to maintain a gasoline stockpile. Storage points selected for stockpiling were Wuhan (N 30-33, E 114-17), Hengyang (N 26-56, E 112-35), Liuchou (N 24-18, E 109-16), Nanning, Canton, Ch'uchiang (N 24-50, E 113-33), Nanch'ang (N 28-40, E 115-53), Chiuchiang (N 29-43, E 116-03), and Kaifeng (N 34-48, E 114-21). Storage facilities had been constructed at some of these places. The CSCMA was purchasing gasoline at Hong Kong and Macao through Central and South China customs personnel, and expected a large shipment of Soviet gasoline from the Northeast.

2. In early January the Chuchou (N 27-53, E 113-06) railway equipment factory⁴ completed part of an order for 25-ton railway cars for transporting oil. The completed cars were open and silver-colored.⁵

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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that in January shipments of supplies from Communist China to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam were slowed by a shortage of gasoline in the areas bordering Indochina. 25X1A

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] from a different source, reported that in May 1952 the Chinese Communists had built a number of underground gasoline depots in the Nanning area. [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED] reported that 15 months were spent in the construction of an underground depot four miles south of Hengyang. According to that report, the depot was built to store military equipment.

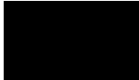
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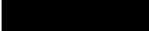



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- 25X1A 3.  Comment. This office has received no recent reports of Chinese Communist gasoline purchases in either Kong Kong or Macao.
- 25X1A 4.  Comment. Available information indicates that a railway repair shop was in existence in Chuchou before 1945. A report dated late 1949 stated that the shop was being reconstructed, but provided no further information.
- 25X1A 5.  Comment. Presumably these are flatcars for transporting oil in drums.

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