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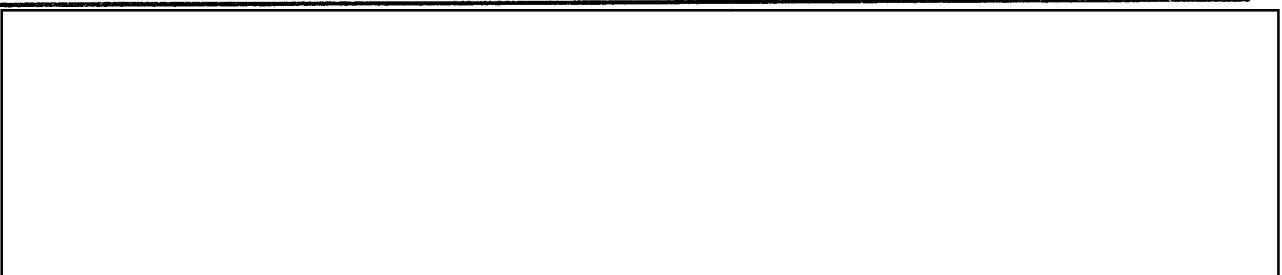
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1. By order of the Central Military Council (CMC)<sup>1</sup> construction of two arsenals, one near T'aiyuan (N 37-52, E 112-35) and one at Changchih<sup>2</sup> (N 36-05, E 113-14), was to begin shortly after early May 1953. Engineering staffs and construction materials were assembled at both sites by 30 April. Three engineering bureaus at T'aiyuan and one bureau at Changchih had been established in February by the Chinese Communist Second Ministry of Machine Industry (SMMI) of the Government Administration Council, under whose direction the construction of these two medium-sized arsenals was undertaken. The CMC approved the final plans drafted by representatives of the CMC, the SMMI, and the Central Supply and Service Command (CSSC) after they had surveyed the arsenal sites in Shansi in October 1952.
2. The arsenal at T'aiyuan will manufacture heavy weapons and the arsenal at Changchih will manufacture rifles and ammunition. T'aiyuan is the site of a former Chinese Nationalist arsenal later used by the Chinese Communists as a state-operated factory. Part of the machinery from this factory will be transferred to the two proposed arsenals.
3. In early May, the CSSC and the CMC were planning to construct a military warehouse north of the city limits of T'aiyuan, east of the Fenho (N 37- , E 112- ) and west of the railway. The proposed construction, at an estimated cost of JMP on (sic) 60,000,000,000,<sup>3</sup> was to cover an area of 25,000 square meters and was to be built entirely of reinforced concrete with both fire prevention and air defense equipment. The warehouse construction was to be undertaken simultaneously with that of the T'aiyuan arsenal and was to be used for storing the weapons manufactured at the new arsenal.

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4. Prior to 6 April 1953 the Chinese Communist arsenal at Mukden was manufacturing a model 51 submachine gun whose overall length was 34 inches. The barrel was equipped with ventilated casing, and the curved magazine contained 30 rounds of ammunition.<sup>4</sup>

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council was meant.

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[REDACTED] Comment. As indicated [REDACTED] it is possible that the title of the Council has been garbled or contracted. However, the terminology in recent reports [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] indicates that some redesignation of Chinese Communist military organs may have occurred. [REDACTED] the "National Defense Army" rather than to the People's Liberation Army.

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[REDACTED] Paralleling this apparent change in terminology, it seems possible that the title of Revolutionary Military Council has also been revised.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. 160,000,000,000 may have been intended, although the figure used seems more appropriate.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. This weapon appears similar to the Soviet PPSH-1941 and PPSH-1943 submachine guns.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The PPSH-1941 and the PPSH-1943 have ventilated barrel jackets and are approximately 34" in length (33.15 and 32.72 inches respectively). The curved box magazine which is standard equipment on the PPSH-1943 and which appears on modifications of the PPSH-1941 holds 35 rounds of ammunition. These discrepancies, though not large, suggest that this gun may be a model similar to, but not identical with, the two Soviet guns mentioned. [REDACTED] Troop Movements and Military Activities, Chekiang [REDACTED] testing of a new type of "rifle" in Wenling (N 28-23, E 121-21) [REDACTED] That weapon was reportedly manufactured by an arsenal in North China, held 30 rounds of ammunition, and had the model designation "503".

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