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- The following is one possible route into Sipsongpanna:<sup>1</sup> by bus from Mae Sai (N 20-02, E 99-19) in Thailand to Kengtung (N 21-17, E 99-36) in Burma, a two-day trip; then from Kengtung to Ch'eli (N 21-58, E 100-50), a five-day trip on foot. It is also possible to reach Hi Town (sic) in Sipsongpanna from Kengtung, on foot, in five days.
- When one is traveling through Sipsongpanna, only traders' laissez-passengers are acceptable.<sup>2</sup> Travelers into Sipsongpanna who speak a Yunnan dialect are watched more closely than those who speak the Sipsongpanna dialect.

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1. This region is also identified as Sipsong-panna and Hsi-shuang-pan-na Thai Autonomous Area.

2. [redacted] laissez-passers that were procured at each local sheriff's office. [redacted] a travel permit, which in Communist territory would be obtained at the hsien public security office.

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