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1. Tension between the MAO Tse-tung Clique and the LI Li-san Clique is increasing in Chishanusu. Control of the political organizations and the farmer and labor groups in the area was once almost wholly in the hands of members of the Northwest Politburo. (The MAO Tse-tung Clique). Recently the Far East Politburo has sent a large number of people into the area; several of these people have received training in the USSR.

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2. In addition, LI Li-san has spent a large sum of money in Chiamussu to purchase the support of local military leaders. The most important leader "bought" by LI is FANG Ch'iang (方强), [REDACTED], Ro Chiang Garrison Commander.

On 16 February 1948, six persons including HAO Mu-hsia (郝慕俠), former commanding general of the 7th Military District during the Manchukuo era, arrived at Chiamussu by air. They were welcomed at the airfield by FANG Ch'iang; CHANG Tso-fan (張作範), head of the Chiamussu Public Safety (Police Bureau) Bureau; SHIH Ho-jen (石和仁), head of the Holung Youth Training Center (See SO 15067); and other high ranking Chiamussu officials. It was officially announced that the purpose of HAO's visit was to establish better liaison relations with Chiamussu officials. The real purpose of the visit was to line up support for the establishment of an independent autonomous government in the Northeast. HAO's visit was condemned by the MAO Tse-tung group and LI Yen-lu (李延祿), Governor of Hochiang Province, TUNG Hsien-ch'iao (童仙橋), Mayor of Chiamussu, and LIU Lan-po (劉蘭波/See SO- 8199, Commissioner of the Farmers Movement. The day after HAO's arrival many posters appeared in the city carrying the words, "Down with the big traitor, HAO Mu-hsia". When HAO left Chiamussu the only official to see him off was CHANG Tso-fan. According to local newspaper accounts, HAO is a native of Fengchenghsien (124-05, 40-28). In 1933 he became commander of the "Demonstrating and Training Detachment" under Manchukuo officials; in 1940 he became head of the general staff section of the "Safeguard Department" (治安部); in 1942 he was promoted to commander of the 7th Military District which had its headquarters in Chiamussu.

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4- The MAO Tse-tung Clique in Chiamussu will not oppose the formation of an independent autonomous state in the Northeast but will oppose the inclusion of any former Puppet officials in the new government.

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