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1. The 3 Field Army (FA) under CH'EN Yi is expected to be the main force for the invasion of Taiwan, and some aid will be supplied by LIN Piao's 4 FA.
2. Forces of the 3 FA include 4 army groups, 18 armies, 1 speedy column, and 1 guard army as shown below.* Total strength is 680,000.

<u>Unit and Description</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength and Rating</u>
Guard Army	CH'EN Ch'ing-hsien (陳慶先)***	Nanking-Shanghai Railroad Line	30,000**** B
Speedy Column, motor- ized, includes artil- lery and engineering corps; known as Special Army*****	CH'EN Jui-t'ing (陳銳霆)***	Shanghai-Nanking- Hangchow area	44,000 A 1
<u>7 Army Group</u>	WANG Chien-an (王健安)		134,000
21 Army, defense and sniping	TENG Hai-ch'ing (滕海清)	Loching (120-57, 28-08), Wenchow	30,000 B
22 Army, attack and sniping	SUN Chi-shan (孫繼善)	Ch'eng Szu Islands, Choushan	38,000 A
23 Army, mobile warfare	T'AO Yung (陶勇)	Chuanshan (121-56, 29-54) Peninsula	36,000 A
35 Army, defense (Nationalist defect- ors)	WU Hua-wen (吳化文)	Hangchow-Shaohsing (120-34, 30-00) area	30,000 B

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8 Army Group	WANG Hsi-ch'eng (王必成)		132,000
21 Army, mountain warfare, mobile warfare	WANG Wei-san (王渭三)	Nanping (118-08, 26-39)- Chienou (118-19, 27-04) area	32,000 B
26 Army, motorized surprise attack and mountain warfare	SUN Chi-kuang (孫繼光)***	Nanping, Chienou, Sanyuan (117-33, 26-13) areas, Central Fukien	36,000 A
32 Army, sniping	T'AN Hsi-lin (譚希林)**	Chekiang	34,000 B
34 Army, defense (Nationalist defectors)	HO Chi-fang (何基豐)**	Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway Line	30,000 C
9 Army Group	SUNG Shih-lun (宋時倫)		173,000
20 Army, attack	LIU Fei (劉飛)**	Shanghai (116-27, 25-02), Japing (116-11, 25-07), Yungting (116-44, 24-43)	35,000 A
25 Army, sniping	CHUNG Chun (成鈞)***	Futing (120-13, 27-20), Hsiapu (119-39, 26-34), Fochow areas	34,000 B
27 Army, attack at strong points	NIEN Feng-chih (聶鳳治)**	Changlo (119-54, 25-56), Loyuan (119-35, 26-27), Fochow	30,000 A
30 Army, attack; reported shifted into Fukien	CHOU Han-chung (周漢中)**	Shanghai, Nankai (121-46, 31-03), Chuansha (121-43, 31-13), Fenghsien (121-29, 30-55)	36,000 A
35 Army, defense (Nationalist defectors)	CHANG K'e-hsia (張克俠)**	Shanghai, Chuansha, Fochow areas	30,000 C
10 Army Group***	XU Fei (葉飛)**		105,000
28 Army, attack	CHU Shao-ch'ing (朱紹清)***	Putien (119-03, 25-29), Chinchiang (118-34, 24-54)	35,000 A
29 Army, sniping and guerrilla warfare	HO Ping-yün (胡炳雲)**	Chinchiang-Tungan (118-10, 24-44) coastal areas	34,000 B
31 Army, attack	CHOU Chin-chien (周志堅)**	Tungan and Changchou (117-42, 24-32) seacoasts	36,000 A
Detached Units			
36 Army, defense	CHANG Kuang-chung (張光中)**	Hsuehou (119-09, 26-32) vicinity	30,000 C
37 Army, guerrilla warfare	YUAN Yeh-lich (袁也烈)**	Hangchow Bay, Haining (120-32, 30-25), Chapu (121-06, 30-37), Haiyen (120-57, 30-32)	32,000 B

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Notes: This analysis of the army organization corresponds to that previously reported from similar sources. Assignments of units within the 3 FA, however, differ somewhat from those reported in early April, and a considerable change of location has occurred since that date. Commanders without asterisks are in the same positions they held in April.

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██████████. These are commanders and units reported in the same position in February but not reported in April or reported in different positions.

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██████████ Comment. Commanders and units reported in earlier lists include:

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SUN Chi-kuang, reported in ██████████ (CHANG Jen-ch'u (張仁初) was listed as commander of the 26 Army ██████████

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CH'ENG Chun, also reported as CH'EN Chun and CHEN Chun.

The 10 Army Group, reported with this same composition in ██████████

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CHU Shao-ch'ing, also reported as CH'ANG Shao-ch'ing.

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CH'EN Jui-t'ing, reported in this same position in ██████████

CHEN Ch'ing-hsien, reported in this same position

YUAN Yeh-lich, reported as commander of the 36 Army, 11 Army Group.

██████████ CHANG Kuang-chung, reported as commander of the 36 Army in SO-38301.

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██████████ Comment. A similar listing of these units in January 1950 gives much smaller strength for each army.

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██████████ For a detailed breakdown of the Speedy Column, see

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