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1. Until comparatively recently, there have been two antagonistic political groups in the Philippine Chinese community. These were the Kuomintang faction and the Chinese Communist Party of the Philippines. The influence of both groups on Philippine Chinese has been considerable.
2. These two factions have vied with each other for supporters and for contributions from Philippine Chinese, particularly from the wealthy and influential leaders of the commercial community. As a result of this competition for financial support, many Chinese businessmen have been forced to pay a major portion of their business profits to one or both of these political groups.
3. When it was decided that this situation had become intolerable, a group of Chinese merchants and businessmen organized the Chinese Commercial Party as a protective association, designed to protect its members against the systematic soliciting of the other groups.
4. Since the formation of this Chinese Commercial Party, members have been contributing only to the political party they favor, whether Kuomintang or Communist, rather than being forced to contribute to both. Philippine authorities are watching all three groups closely, since it is believed that the Communist faction may attempt to gain control of the new group.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. This new group which is known as the Chinese Commercial Party apparently is not actually a political party, but is a mutual protective association which apparently has not sought to alter the political convictions already held by its members.

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