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SUBJECT COMMENTS OF [REDACTED] ON THE CHINESE DATE DISTR. 11 DECEMBER 1959  
COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD KHRUSHCHEV'S REMARKS,  
THE POSSIBLE RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS,  
THE REMOVAL OF P'ENG TE-HUAI AND THE TIBETAN  
SITUATION  
DATE OF INFO. MID-NOVEMBER 1959

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1. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY ON WHAT THE REACTION OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT WAS TO KHRUSHCHEV'S REMARKS ON THE SINO-INDIAN CONFLICT AND TO HIS SPEECH DURING HIS CHINA VISIT, [REDACTED] REPLIED BY ASKING HOW KHRUSHCHEV'S REMARKS COULD BE INTERESTING TO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS? [REDACTED] SAID KHRUSHCHEV SIMPLY LECTURED, AND THE CHINESE LISTENED. AND THAT WAS ALL; THE MATTER ENDED THERE.

2. [REDACTED] IN REPLY TO A QUERY ABOUT WHETHER THE FIVE AMERICANS IN JAIL WOULD SOON BE RELEASED, STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THEY WERE, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING OFFICIALLY. HE ADDED THAT THEY MIGHT BE RELEASED BEFORE THEIR TERMS WERE OVER. WHAT DIFFERENCE, HE ASKED, WOULD IT

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MAKE TO KEEP THE FIVE AMERICANS IN PEIPING? THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WANTED TO GET RID OF THEM SINCE, AFTER ALL, IT WOULD BRING ONLY GOOD WILL.

3. IN ANSWERING THE QUESTION OF WHY P'ENG TE-HUAI HAD BEEN REMOVED AND WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM, [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS A BROAD QUESTION WHICH HE WOULD ANSWER AT ANOTHER TIME. HE DID, HOWEVER, REMARK THAT SOLDIERS WERE GENERALLY REMOVED WHEN THEY WERE SUSPECTED OF ATTEMPTING TO OVERRIDE CIVILIAN POWER. THIS WAS WHAT HAD HAPPENED WITH MARSHAL P'ENG.

4. WHEN ASKED WHAT HIS ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION IN TIBET WAS, [REDACTED] SAID THAT ON THE SURFACE THE SITUATION SEEMED NORMAL BUT THAT SMALL-SCALE FIGHTING WAS STILL IN PROGRESS WITH THE REMOTE TIBETAN TRIBES. NO ONE KNEW HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO SUPPRESS THEM. CERTAINLY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DO SO.

5. [REDACTED]

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