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BEIJING DURING THIS PERIOD OR BEEN INCAPACITATED BY ILLNESS (AS IT HAD BEEN RUMORED), THEN YANG WAS PROBABLY CALLING THE SHOTS IN HIS ABSENCE.


HOWEVER, THAT IS FAR FROM CERTAIN. IF MILITARY REGION COMMANDERS HAD REFUSED TO MEET IN BEIJING, IT MAY, IN PART, HAVE BEEN A SRT THAT THEY WANTED NO ROLE IN ANY POTENTIAL USE OF THE PLA USING FORCE AGAINST THE POPULATION.

5. 7Q/QNW DURING THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS YANG WAS ABLE TO STAY (RELATIVELY) ABOVE THE FRAY, APPARENTLY LETTING DENG/LI PENG AND ZHAO FIGHT IT OUT. WITH Q AO AND DENG "TEMPORARILY" OUT OF THE WAY AND LI PENG BEING PUBLICLY DISCREDITED, YANG WITH HIS MILITARY PORTFOLIO EVEN WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF SOME OF THE REGIONAL COMMANDERS WAS IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT. YANG HIMSELF (OR IN DENG'S NAME) REPORTEDLY MADE THE DECISION TO REGAIN CONTROL OF BEIJING, USING DEADLY FORCE, DURING THE HORRIFIC NIGHT OF 3/4 JUNE. HE MAY WELL HAVE BELIEVED THAT THE SIZE AND TONE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS DID IN FACT POSE A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER TO THE CONTINUED

****** BEGINNING OF SECTION 002 ******

COUNTRY: (U) CHINA (CH).

SUBJECT: (b)(3):10 USC 424 MILITARY REGION COMMANDERS

EXISTENCE OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL SYSTEM AND THAT THE PLA WAS THE ONLY TOOL CAPABLE OF PRESERVING THE SYSTEM.

7. (U) THERE HAS BEEN SOME OPEN-SOURCE EVIDENCE OF UNEVEN SUPPORT FROM THE MILITARY REGION COMMANDERS, EVEN AFTER 890603-890604. IN THE 890609 PEOPLE'S DAILY, THERE WERE STATEMENTS FROM THE VARIOUS MILITARY REGIONS IN "SUPPORT" OF THE CRACKDOWN. JINAN APPARENTLY VOICED STRONG SUPPORT, WHILE GUANGZHOU APPEARED WEAK, AND THE IMPORTANT BEIJING MR APPEARED ALMOST RETICENTLY SUPPORTIVE. MOST LIKELY, SOME MILITARY REGION COMMANDER'S HEADS WILL ROLL IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY. THOSE THAT WILL MOST LIKELY NOT ONLY SURVIVE, BUT MAY MAY BE MOVED TO HIGHER POSITIONS, WOULD BE--

- A. ((FU)) QUANYOU OF CHENGDU -- A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE CRACKDOWN AND DENG LOYALIST.
- B. ((LI)) JIULONG, OF JINAN, ANOTHER STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE CRACKDOWN.
- C. ((XIANG)) SHOUZHI, OF NANJING. EARLY STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE CRACKDOWN AND LOYAL TO DENG. THE ONLY FULL GENERAL AMONG THE MR COMMANDERS.

B. THOSE THAT MAY BE IN JEOPARDY ARE--

- A. ((ZHOU)) YIBING, OF BEIJING, WHO REPORTEDLY WAS INITIALLY NAMED MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER, BUT HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE LATE MAY. THERE WERE REPORTS OF SOME OF HIS UNITS, SUCH AS THE 38TH ARMY WHICH MAY HAVE BALKED AT USING FORCE AGAINST THE DEMONSTRATORS. USE OF OTHER TROOPS USED IN THE BLOODY CRACKDOWN, SUCH AS THE "INFAMOUS" 27TH ARMY, ALTHOUGH NORMALLY SUBORDINATE TO BEIJING MR, WERE SUPPOSEDLY UNDER A TIGHT STRING PULLED BY THE YANG'S. HIS SUPPOSED CLOSE CONNECTION TO QIN JINWEI MAY WELL BE A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD.

- B. ((ZHUANG)) WANNIAN OF GUANGZHOU, A LATE AND LUKEWARM SUPPORTER OF MARTIAL LAW. NONE OF HIS TROOPS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO BEIJING DURING THE CRISIS. AGAIN, POSSIBLE TIES TO QIN JINWEI A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD--

- C. ((LIU)) JINGSONG OF SHENYANG, HAS NOT SHOWN MUCH APPARENT SUPPORT FOR THE CRACKDOWN. A REPORT EARLIER ON SAID THAT SHENYANG'S 39TH AND 40TH ARMY WERE BALKING AT BEING SENT TO BEIJING (THEY EVENTUALLY CAME AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CRACKDOWN, PARTICULARLY THE 39TH. SHENYANG'S 64TH GROUP ARMY HAS ALSO BEEN

/***** BEGINNING OF SECTION 003 *****/
COUNTRY: (U) CHINA (CH).

SUBJECT: IR(b)(3);10 USC 424 MILITARY REGION COMMANDERS INVOLVED.) LIU HAS NOT BEEN NOTED IN PUBLIC IN RECENT
WEEKS. HIS STRONG CONNECTION TO NDU POLITICAL COMMISSAR (LI) DESHENG, MAY WELL NOT BODE WELL FOR LIU'S FUTURE.

- D. (ZHAO) XIANSHEN OF LANZHOU, ANOTHER LI DESHENG PROTEGE. LAGGED IN HIS SUPPORT OF THE CRACKDOWN.
WEEKS. HIS STRONG CONNECTION TO NDU POLITICAL COMISSAR (LI) DESHENG, MAY WELL NOT BODE WELL FOR LIU'S FUTURE.

- D. (ZHAO) XIANSHUN OF LANZHOU, ANOTHER LI DESHENG PROTEGE, LAGGED IN HIS SUPPORT OF THE CRACKDOWN.

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END OF MESSAGE