SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT FORWARDS A COPY OF 1990 EDITION OF THE DIRECTORY OF PRC MILITARY PERSONALITIES. THIS EDITION COVERS THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1989 TO JUNE 1990. ENCLOSURE.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. MASSIVE PLA FORCES WERE USED TO QUELL A "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY REBELLION" IN THE CAPITAL, FOLLOWING WHICH THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, ((ZHAO)) ZIYANG, WAS PURGED AND REPLACED. PARAMOUNT LEADER ((DENG)) XIAPING BOWED OUT OF THE FRONT STAGE OF CHINESE POLITICS ALTOGETHER. TO READY THE COUNTRY FOR THE POST-DENG ERA, DENG'S DIRECTORSHIP OVER THE ARMED FORCES WAS PASSED ON TO THE NEW PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY, ((JIANG)) ZEMIN. SWEEPING RESHUFFLES WERE ALSO EFFECTED IN THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT FROM THE MILITARY COMMISSION (MC) DOWN TO THE MILITARY REGION (MR'S) AND BELOW, AMID INJUNCTIONS FOR THE GUN TO OBEY THE PARTY.

2. (U) IT ALL BEGAN IN MAY 1989, WHEN PLA TROOPS WERE DEPLOYED TO THE CAPITAL TO END A MONTH-LONG STUDENT-LED PROTEST SPARKED OFF BY THE DEATH OF THE FORMER PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY, ((HU)) YAOBANG. THE SIZE OF THE FORCE AGGREGATED FOR THE MARTIAL LAW OPERATION IS NOT KNOWN -- THE HIGHEST ESTIMATE PUTS IT AT 350,000 MEN. IT IS KNOWN, HOWEVER, THAT ELEMENTS FROM AT LEAST 14 OF THE PLA'S TOTAL OF 24 GROUP ARMIES (GA'S) AND TWO AIRBORNE BRIGADES WERE BROUGHT IN FROM VARIOUS MR'S. THOUGH MOST UNITS WERE NO LARGER THAN DIVISIONS, THEY WERE LED AND DIRECTED BY NOT ONLY THE GA COMMANDERS AND POLITICAL COMMISSARS (PC'S) BUT ALSO DEPUTY COMMANDERS AND DEPUTY PC'S OF THEIR PARENT MR'S.

IN NOVEMBER, AND OF THE STATE CENTRAL MILITARY
COMMISSION THE FOLLOWING APRIL. (THE CHINESE HAVE SAID
THE TWO COMMISSIONS ARE ONE AND THE SAME.) THUS, IN A
MATTER OF TEN MONTHS, THE NEW PARTY CHIEF WAS VESTED
WITH SUPREME LEADERSHIP, ALTHOUGH NOMINAL, OVER THE
COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES. IN THIS RESPECT JIANG COMES
CLOSER TO (HUA) GUOFENG, ((MAO) ZEDONG'S HANDPICKED
SUCCESSOR, THAN TO HU YAOBANG AND ZHAO ZIYANG. HUA
BECAOME HEAD OF THE PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND ARMED FORCES
ALL AT ONCE FOLLOWING MAO'S DEATH IN 1976. HU WAS NEVER
GIVEN A PLACE ON THE MC THROUGHOUT HIS TENURE AS PARTY
CHIEF FROM JUNE 1981 TO JANUARY 1987. ZHAO, ON THE
OTHER HAND, WAS MADE MC FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN (VC) AS SOON
AS HE WAS CONFIRMED AS PARTY SECRETARY IN NOVEMBER 1987. THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TREATMENT OF HU,
ZHao AND JIANG POINTS TO A SENSE OF URGENCY THAT HAS
BEEN GROWING IN RECENT YEARS TO STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF
THE PARTY CHIEF WITH MILITARY POWER.

4. (U) THE MC RECEIVED MORE THAN A NEW CHAIRMAN.
((YANG)) SHANGKUN, THE 82-YEAR-OLD STATE PRESIDENT,
MOVED UP FROM EXECUTIVE VC TO FIRST VC, PASSING HIS
CONCURRENT POSITION OF MC SECRETARY-GENERAL TO HIS
YOUNGER BROTHER YANG BAIBING. ((LIU)) HUAQING, A DEPUTY
SECRETARY-GENERAL, ROSE TO BECOME THE SECOND VC, WHILE
((HONG)) XUEZHI, THE RANKING DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL,
WAS RETIRED. WITH NO NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL
APPOINTED, YANG BAIBING THE NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL IS
LEFT WITH NO SENIOR ASSISTANTS AND THUS A FREE HAND AS
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE MC. HE AT THE SAME
TIME HAS RETAINED HIS OLD POSITION OF GENERAL POLITICAL
DEPARTMENT (GPD) DIRECTOR, AND ADDITIONALLY JOINED THE
PARTY'S CENTRAL SECRETARIAT.

5. (U) IN THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, BOTH AT THE CENTER
AND IN THE PROVINCES, A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL CHANGES HAVE
TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE NEW PARTY LEADERSHIP HEADED BY
JIANG ZEMIN WAS INSTALLED. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NO
COMPARISON TO THE SWEEPING RESHUFFLES IN THE MILITARY,
ESPECIALLY IN THE MR'S.

6. (U) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SHENYANG MR, EACH
REGIONAL COMMAND HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY A NEW LEADING
GROUP -- COMMANDER, PC, DEPUTY COMMANDERS, DEPUTY PC'S
AND LEADING ORGAN CHIEFS, WHO TOGETHER FORM THE SC OF
THE COMMAND'S PARTY COMMITTEE. FULL NAMELISTS ARE NOT
YET AVAILABLE, BUT PARTIAL LISTS SHOW MORE NEW
APPOINTEES THAN OFFICIALS HELD OVER FROM PREVIOUS
TEAMS. THE 14 MR PRINCIPAL LEADERS -- COMMANDERS AND
PC'S -- HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. ALL BUT FOUR ARE NEW TO
THEIR POSTS. EIGHT OF THEM WERE PROMOTED FROM LOWER
RUNGS IN THE MR'S, MAINLY FROM DEPUTY COMMANDERS AND
DEPUTY PC'S. AS A RESULT, THE AVERAGE AGE OF MR
PRINCIPAL LEADERS WAS BROUGHT DOWN FROM 65 TO 60 YEARS.
EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE NEW SET OF MR COMMANDERS AND

7. (U) HEAVY INTER-REGIONAL TRANSFER WAS A DISTINGUISHING MARK OF THE RESHUFFLE. SEVEN OF THE TEN NEW MR COMMANDERS AND PC'S WERE BROUGHT IN FROM OTHER REGIONS. SUCH INTER-REGIONAL EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL, IT IS OFFICIALLY EXPLAINED, SERVES TO BROADEN THE OFFICERS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLA. IT NO DOUBT ALSO SERVES TO PREVENT THE FORMATION OF Factions AND LOCAL POWER BASES, TWO PROBLEMS BESETTING THE PLA WHICH DENG XIAOPING SET OUT TO CORRECT AFTER HIS COMEBACK IN 1973.

8. (U) AS BEFORE, REVOLUTIONIZATION, REJUVENATION, PROFESSIONALIZATION AND INTELLECTUALIZATION -- KNOWN AS THE "FOUR TRANSFORMATIONS" OF THE CADRE -- SEEMED TO BE THE CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF NEW OFFICIALS. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT ADDED WEIGHT WAS GIVEN TO "REVOLUTIONIZATION" AFTER JUNE 4, WITH PERFORMANCE IN THE BEIJING CRACKDOWN SERVING AS A YARDSTICK FOR POLITICAL QUALITY. DEFINITE PREFERENCE WAS SHOWN TO OFFICERS WHO ENFORCED MARTIAL LAW IN THE CAPITAL; THEY CAPTURED FIVE OF THE TEN MR PRINCIPAL POSITIONS WHICH CHANGED HANDS.

9. (U) SUCH OFFICERS ARE MORE PREDOMINANT IN THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE (PAP) HEADQUARTERS, TAKING AT LEAST FIVE OF EIGHT NEW APPOINTMENTS. THIS BRANCH OF THE CHINESE ARMED FORCES WHICH OPERATES UNDER THE PUBLIC SECURITY ORGANS WAS APPARENTLY UNABLE TO HANDLE LAST YEAR'S "TURMOIL", HENCE THE CALLING IN OF REGULAR TROOPS. IT IS THEREFORE NO SURPRISE THAT PAP'S HIGH COMMAND UNDERWENT A THOROUGH RESHUFFLE AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 1990, AHEAD OF ALL PLA COMMANDS. TO COPE WITH SIMILAR FLARE-UPS IN THE FUTURE, PAP ANTI-RIOT UNITS ARE BEING SET UP THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. PAP'S BEIJING UNITS IN PARTICULAR HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY EXPANDED, TO INCLUDED A SECOND GENERAL UNIT IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING ONE.

10. (U) APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS WERE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. GPD AND THE GENERAL LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT (GLD) WERE EACH ASSIGNED TWO NEW DEPUTY DIRECTORS, WHILE A FORMER GPD DEPUTY DIRECTOR WAS REASSIGNED PC OF GLD. SIMILAR APPOINTMENTS MAY BE FORTHCOMING FOR THE GENERAL STAFF DEPARTMENT. THOROUGH LEADERSHIP CHANGES LIKE THAT AT THE PAP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OR THE PLA REGIONAL COMMANDS ARE NOT EXPECTED IN THE THREE GENERAL DEPARTMENTS, SINCE THEIR CHIEFS WERE ALL Installed IN 1987. INITIAL PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN NOTED ELSEWHERE. IN THE NAVY, THE HIGH COMMAND WAS ASSIGNED A DEPUTY PC AND THE NORTH
SEA FLEET A DEPUTY COMMANDER. THE PC OF SECOND ARTILLERY WAS REPLACED BY A YOUNGER MAN.

11. (U) THIS ROUND OF PLA PERSONNEL CHANGES IS NOT YET COMPLETED; IT IS STILL CONTINUING. THE NEW ASSIGNMENTS HAVE LEFT MANY VACANCIES TO BE FILLED, ESPECIALLY AT THE ARMY LEVEL, INCLUDING THE PROVINCIAL MILITARY DISTRICTS. MORE RETIREMENTS ALSO SEEM TO BE FORTHCOMING.

12. (U) ((HONG)) XUEZHI, 77, WAS THE FIRST THREE-STAR GENERAL TO RETIRE. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY ((LI)) DESHENG, 74, PC OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY. ((XYOU)) TAIZHONG, SECOND SECRETARY OF THE MC DISCIPLINE INSPECTION COMMISSION, MAY ALSO HAVE RETIRED. SIMILAR FATE MAY BE IN STORE FOR THE THREE FULL GENERALS WHO WERE REPLACED IN THE MR RESHUFFLE.

13. (U) THE LARGE-SCALE PLA PERSONNEL RESHUFFLE CANNOT BE INTERPRETED AS PURELY AN AFTERMATH OF THE JUNE 1989 TIANANMEN INCIDENT. CHANGES HAD BEEN EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME, ESPECIALLY IN THE MR'S, WHERE MANY OF THE NOW REPLACED OFFICIALS WERE OVER-AGED AND HAD BEEN AT THEIR POSTS FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE. IN 1986, ACCELERATED MOVEMENTS WERE NOTED AMONG MR DEPUTIES AND ARMY-LEVEL CADRES. SUCH MOVEMENTS CONTINUED INTO THE FIRST HALF OF 1989, VERY LIKELY IN PREPARATION FOR HIGHER-LEVEL CHANGES TO COME. THE EFFECT OF THE ARMED CRACKDOWN SEEMED TO BE MAINLY ON THE SELECTION OF NEW OFFICIALS. OFFICERS WHO EVIDENTLY DID NOT WAVER WHEN ORDERED TO ENFORCE MARTIAL LAW WERE PLACED IN KEY POSITIONS IN A BID TO ENSURE PLA LOYALTY TO THE PARTY. AT THE SAME TIME, QUITE A FEW SENIOR POLITICAL OFFICERS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN REPLACED IN THE MR RESHUFFLE.


COMMENTS: 1. (U) THIS YEAR'S DIRECTORY INCLUDES A FEW MAJOR CHANGES, THE MOST IMPORTANT BEING THE INCORPORATION OF CHINESE CHARACTERS AND STC CODES INTO THE INDEX, ALONG WITH THE PHONETIC NAMES. HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL PROVIDE ANALYSTS WITH A BETTER CROSS-REFERRING CAPABILITY IN LOCATING INDIVIDUALS.
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3. (U) HOPES THAT ANALYSTS WILL FIND THIS DIRECTORY A FUNCTIONAL AND HELPFUL TOOL IN THEIR WORK. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THIS DIRECTORY, PLEASE CONTACT (b)(3):10 USC 424

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