The Chinese Central Garrison Division (CGD), formerly the 8341 Unit, is responsible for protecting Beijing, maintaining its peace and order, and guarding very important persons. In October 1967, the CGD assisted in arresting the "Gang of Four." Since then, the CGD has been dormant and its real function unknown. Many Chinese leaders, however, realize that for any group or individual to remain in power in China, the support of the CGD is vital.

The CGD is under the Central Military Commission (CMC) headed by Chairman (Jiang) Zemin (STC 3068/3419/3046), but the General Office of the Party Central Committee also has authority over the CGD. Currently, these two organizations with influential power over the CGD have three factions --

A. (C/NOFORN) (Deng) Xiaoping (STC 6772/1420/1627) Faction --
   - Jiang Zemin.
   - (Liu) Huaqing (STC 0491/5479/3237), vice chairman of the CMC.
   - (Qin) Jiwei (STC 4440/1015/0251), minister of national defense.

B. (C/NOFORN) (Liu) Peng (STC 2621/7720) Faction --
   - (Yang) Shangkun (STC 2799/1424/2492), 1st vice chairman of
THE CMC.
- (YANG) BAIBING (STC 2799/4101/0393), SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CMC.
- (LI) JIJUN (STC 2621/7139/0971), DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL OFFICE AND CONCURRENTLY CHIEF OF THE SECURITY BUREAU, GENERAL OFFICE OF THE CMC.

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- ((HU)) YAOBANG (STC 5170/5069/6721) FACTION --
- ((HU)) QILI (STC 5170/0796/4539), PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER.
- (ZHANG) XUEZHI (STC 5163/1331/2535), A FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CMC.
- (ZHANG) YAOBANG (ALSO KNOWN AS CHO NAM QI) (STC 6392/0589/6386), DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT, PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (PLA).
- (YANG) DEZHONG (STC 2799/1795/0022), COMMANDER OF THE CGD AND CONCURRENTLY FIRST DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

3. (CONFIDENTIAL) DENG XIAOPING HAD JIANG ZEMIN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE CMC IN ORDER TO FORESTALL YANG SHANGKUN'S AMBITIONS TO GAIN HEGEMONY OVER THE MILITARY. SINCE JIANG ZEMIN HAD NO MILITARY BACKGROUND AND NO INFLUENCE IN THE MILITARY, DENG XIAOPING APPOINTED HIS RELATIVE, LIU HUAQING, AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CMC. LIU HUAQING IS ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH QIN JIWEI, THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.


5. (CONFIDENTIAL) THE COMMANDER OF THE CGD, YANG DEZHONG (HU YAOBANG FACTION), WAS THE LATE HU YAOBANG'S RELIABLE ASSISTANT AND ACCOMPANIED HIM ON OFFICIAL TRIPS TO ROMANIA IN MAY 1983 AND TO AUSTRALIA IN APRIL 1985. AFTER THE DEATH OF HU YAOBANG, HE HAS BEEN THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE FACTION. HE IS ALSO ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH HU QILI (SAME FACTION), DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL OFFICE, PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, EVER SINCE SERVING AS
ITS DEPUTY DIRECTOR FROM MAY 1982. YANG HAS ALSO SERVED AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE 155TH DIVISION OF THE 8TH ROUTE ARMY AND HAS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH HONG XUEZHI (SAME FACTION), FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CMC, AND ZHAO NANQI (SAME FACTION), DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT, PLA. BOTH OF HONG AND ZHAO HAD BEEN WITH THE 4TH FIELD ARMY.
