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TEXT

COUNTRY: (U) CHINA (CH).

SUBJ: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 SECURITY SITUATION IN BEIJING, DALIAN,
YANTAI, AND SHANGHAI CITIES, CHINA (U)

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SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ RECENT SECURITY SITUATION IN THE CHINESE CITIES OF BEIJING, YANTAI, DALIAN, AND SHANGHAI AS OBSERVED (b)(1),1.4 (c) (b)(1),1.4 (c) BETWEEN 23 JUNE AND 7 JULY 1989.

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TEXT: 1. ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] VISITED YANTAI (b)(3):10 USC 424 SHANJONG PROVINCE, AND DALIAN (b)(3):10 USC 424 LIAONING PROVINCE, BETWEEN 23 JUNE AND 7 JULY 1989 AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THESE CITIES --

A. ~~(S)~~ EVERYTHING APPEARED NORMAL AND THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF DISORDER. HOWEVER, INSPECTION OF CHINESE TRAVELERS APPEARED TO BE VERY STRINGENT AT THE BEIJING AND DALIAN AIRPORTS. PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICERS CHECKED THE TRAVELERS LUGGAGE VERY CAREFULLY.

B. ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] DID NOT TAKE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS IN BEIJING BECAUSE HE WAS ADVISED BY SEVERAL CHINESE FRIENDS THAT PICTURE TAKING WOULD AROUSE THE SUSPICION OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICERS ACCORDING TO (b)(1),1.4 (c) [REDACTED] HAD BEEN TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE VICINITY OF TIANANMEN SQUARE ON 5 JULY 1989 ON HIS WAY HOME FROM THE WORLD YOUTH AND STUDENT FESTIVAL HELD IN THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND HAD HIS FILM CONFISCATED BY CHINESE SECURITY OFFICERS.

2. ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] ALSO LEARNED FROM (b)(1),1.4 (c) [REDACTED] RETURNING FROM SHANGHAI THAT MANY PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT PARTICIPANTS HAD EITHER BEEN ARRESTED OR HAD SURRENDERED TO THE AUTHORITIES. ALTHOUGH IT WAS SAID THAT THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED WERE ONLY EX-CONVICTS WHO HELPED STIR-UP A PUBLIC DISTURBANCE, AND THAT NO ORDINARY STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS HAD BEEN ARRESTED, ABOUT A HALF DOZEN TAIWANESE STUDENTS (NFI) WITH NO CRIMINAL RECORDS HAD ALSO BEEN ARRESTED.

3. ~~(S)~~ THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THE MAJOR CITIES OF CHINA ARE NOW AWARE OF THE PRO-DEMOCRATIZATION INCIDENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN BEIJING. THE PEOPLE DO NOT BELIEVE EVERYTHING THE AUTHORITIES TELL THEM ABOUT THE INCIDENTS. HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE IN THE SMALL VILLAGES AND REMOTE AREAS STILL TEND TO BELIEVE THAT THE TURMOIL IN BEIJING WAS MERELY A RIOT CAUSED BY VILLAINS, AS PROPAGANDIZED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

4. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) [REDACTED] TOOK A TAPE RECORDING OF THE VOICE OF ((CHAI)) LIAN (STC 2693/1995), ONE OF THE PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT STUDENT LEADERS, TO CHINA. HE HAD A FEW CHINESE FRIENDS LISTEN TO IT, AND INVITED THEM TO MAKE COMMENTS. THEY ALL REPLIED THAT IT MIGHT BE A FABRICATION BY THE WEST. WHEN HE OFFERED TO GIVE THEM THE TAPE, THEY REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT, SAYING THAT IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS FOR THEM TO KEEP.

COMMENTS: (U) NONE.

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