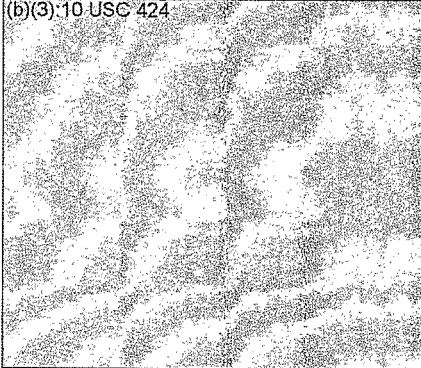


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SUMMARY: ~~(C)~~ INFORMATION ON THE CENTRAL GARRISON DIVISION IN BEIJING AND THE GOVERNMENT LEADERS WHO WILL PROBABLY PLAY MAJOR ROLES IN THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AFTER THE DEATH OF DENG XIAOPING IS PROVIDED.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C)~~ 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.

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ 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 0491/5478/3237), VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CMC.

- ((QIN)) JIWEI (STC 4440/1015/0251), MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

- ((ZENG)) QINGHONG (STC 2582/1987/4767), DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL OFFICE, PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

B. (C/NOFORN) ((LI)) PENG (STC 2621/7720) FACTION --

- ((YANG)) SHANGKUN (STC 2799/1424/2492), 1ST VICE CHAIRMAN OF

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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.

C. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ((HU)) YAOBANG (STC 5170/5069/6721) FACTION --

- ((HU)) QILI (STC 5170/0796/4539), PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER.

- ((HONG)) XUEZHI (STC 3163/1331/2535), A FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CMC.

- ((ZHAO)) NANQI (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. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ 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.

4. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ZENG QINGHONG (DENG XIAOPING FACTION), THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, SERVED AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE FROM 1986 AND SERVED AS ASSISTANT TO JIANG ZEMIN WHEN HE BECAME THE SECRETARY OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE IN 1987. ZENG QINGHONG, WHO HAS NO MILITARY BACKGROUND, OBTAINED HIS PRESENT POST IN AUGUST 1989 THROUGH THE RECOMMENDATION OF JIANG ZEMIN AND IS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM LIU HUAQING AND QIN JIWEI TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE CGD. THIS SUPPORT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SPONSORSHIP OF DENG XIAOPING OBTAINED BY JIANG ZEMIN.

4. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ LI PENG SUCCEEDED IN OUSTING ((ZHAO)) ZIYANG (STC 6392/4793/7122) BUT DID NOT GAIN CONTROL OF THE POST OF PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY, WHICH WENT TO JIANG ZEMIN. LI PENG IS ATTEMPTING TO GAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE CGD BY AFFILIATING WITH YANG SHANGKUN AND YANG BAIBING, BOTH HOLDING POSITIONS THAT SUPERVISE THE CGD. LI JIJUN (LI PENG FACTION) IS IN A POSITION TO COMMAND THE CGD UNDER THE DIRECTION OF YANG SHANGKUN; HOWEVER, HE IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF ((XU)) QINXIAN (STC 1776/0530/0341), THE FORMER COMMANDER OF THE 38TH ARMY, WHO DISOBEYED ORDERS DURING THE TIANANMEN SQUARE INCIDENT. LI JIJUN ALSO HAS A TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP WITH QIN JIWEI OF THE DENG XIAOPING FACTION. BECAUSE OF THESE RELATIONSHIPS, LI JIJUN COULD POSSIBLY GO AGAINST THE WISHES OF YANG SHANGKUN AND SWING THE SUPPORT OF THE CGD TO THE DENG XIAOPING FACTION.

5. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ 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

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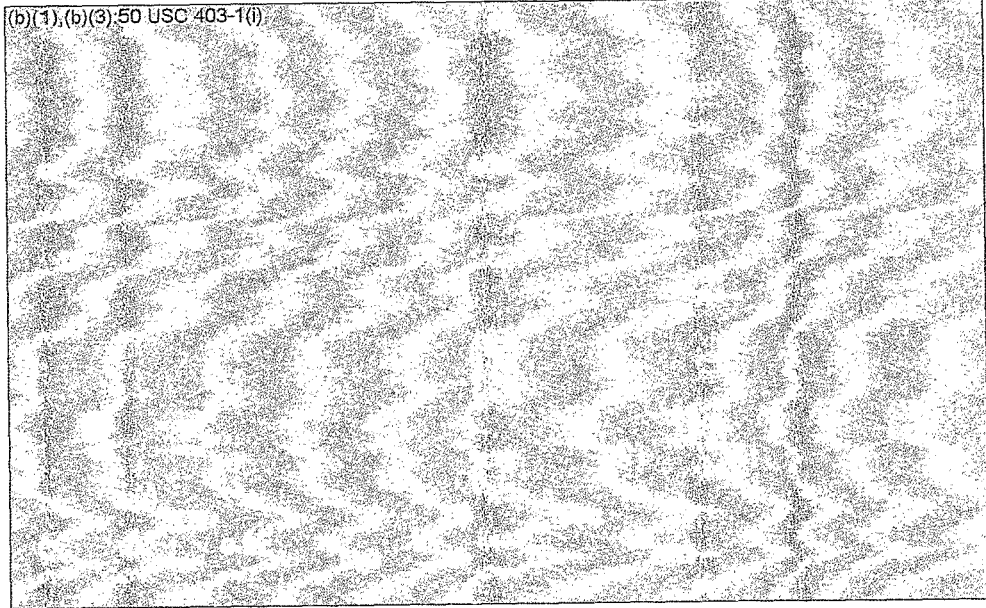
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ITS DEPUTY DIRECTOR FROM MAY 1982. YANG HAS ALSO SERVED AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE 155TH DIVISION OF THE 8TH ROUTE ARMY AND HAS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH HONG XUEZHI (SAME FACTION), FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CMC, AND ZHAO NANQI (SAME FACTION), DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT, PLA. BOTH OF HONG AND ZHAO HAD BEEN WITH THE 4TH FIELD ARMY.

6. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE LI PENG FACTION DISTINGUISHED ITSELF IN THE TIANANMEN SQUARE INCIDENT AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN REPLACING THE BEIJING, JINAN, NANJING, AND GUANGZHOU MILITARY REGION COMMANDERS, WHO WERE PASSIVE IN CARRYING OUT ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS. THESE REGIONS WERE GIVEN TO OFFICERS WHO COMMANDED UNITS THAT SERVED FAITHFULLY DURING THE TIANANMEN SQUARE INCIDENT AND WHO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF YANG SHANGKUN. BY DOING SO, LI PENG SET THE STAGE TO GAIN EASY CONTROL OF THE ARMY AFTER THE DEATH OF DENG XIAOPING. HOWEVER, THE KEY UNIT, THE CGD, IS CONTROLLED BY YANG DEZHONG OF THE HU YAOBANG FACTION AND ZENG QINGHONG OF THE DENG XIAOPING FACTION. THERE ARE ALSO A LARGE NUMBER OF ANTI-YANG SHANGKUN PERSONNEL WITHIN THE CGD.

7. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ CURRENTLY, ZENG QINGHONG (DENG XIAOPING FACTION) IS A RESTRAINING FACTOR ON YANG DEZHONG (HU YAOBANG FACTION), THE HEAD OF THE CGD, THEREBY PREVENTING THE CGD FROM FALLING UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE YANG SHANGKUN FACTION. IF JIANG ZEMIN MANAGES TO COUNTER LI PENG AFTER THE DEATH OF DENG XIAOPING BY ENLISTING THE AID OF COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE, FORMERLY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ZHAO ZIYANG AND HU YAOBANG, THEN YANG, THE COMMANDER OF THE CGD, AND ZENG QINGHONG (DENG XIAOPING FACTION), WHO TOGETHER CONTROL THE CGD, MAY UNITE AND ASK LI JIJUN (LI PENG FACTION) TO JOIN THEM. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, THE LI PENG FACTION WILL NO LONGER RETAIN INFLUENCE OVER THE CGD. THEN THE DENG XIAOPING AND THE HU YAOBANG FACTIONS, TOGETHER WITH THE CGD, THE 38TH ARMY, THE 15TH ARMY, AND THE PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE FORCE, CAN NEUTRALIZE THE LI PENG FACTION.

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