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1. In early March 1953, the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council issued a directive to all military area commanders specifying that a six-month probationary period had been granted prior to the introduction and enforcement of compulsory universal militia service in China. All laborers, poor peasants, middle peasants, and tenant farmers in good health who conformed to Communist political and cultural standards, were qualified for service. The Council ordered that the program be placed in operation by 1954. The directive was to be put into immediate effect in those areas where land reform has been long completed and introduced at a later date in other areas.
2. To emphasize the privilege and duty of militia service, a vigorous propaganda program, linked with the Anti-America, Aid-Korea program, was to be initiated.

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3. During January the Communists initiated a join-the-army campaign in Hopeh. Of approximately 400 families in Chulu (N 37-13, E 115-01) Hsien, 64 able-bodied men had been recruited for service in the army and were temporarily stationed in Shihchiachuang (N 38-02, E 114-28) where they awaited training.

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4. During mid-January the Communist military authorities of Canton, planned to establish the 25 Infantry School² in Huangsha (7806/3097), Canton. Approximately 5,000 recruits from Hunan had been sent to Huangsha for training. Rumors were that the recruits would form the nucleus of a new army in the Canton area.

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5. During January, the Hanyang arsenal was producing hand grenades, heavy and light machine guns, and shells for 60-mm. mortars of Soviet-manufacture.⁴ Metals were being transshipped to Hanyang through Macao.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Compulsory military service has been enforced in the Northeast Military Area since 1952.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the 25 Infantry Training School in Canton in June 1951. Possibly the present report indicates a relocation of the school in Huangsha district.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The only 60-mm. mortar produced by the Chinese Communists is a copy of a United States Army model, according to available information.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Available information indicates that the USSR does not produce a 60-mm. mortar, the 82-mm. mortar being the smallest caliber weapon of this type in present production. Production and use of the old Soviet 50-mm. company mortar is believed to have been discontinued. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In November 1952 the Hanyang Arsenal was producing 75-mm. shells and machine guns and was planning the production of 81-mm. mortars, 4.2 inch howitzers, and field pieces. [REDACTED]

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1. During March 1953, the Communist Airforce 7 Sub-depot was located in Lungt'an (7893/3389), an eastern suburb of Canton, approximately 1,500 feet west of T'ienho Airfield, 1,200 feet east of the highway leading to Huangp'u (7806/3184), 2,400 feet north of the Canton-T'ienho highway, and 900 feet south of the Canton-Kowloon railway line. The depot was approximately 200 feet long, 60 feet wide, and 35 feet high, and was constructed with a cement floor, a steel plate ceiling, and brick walls.

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- 3. On 3 January 600 boxes of ammunition were shipped from an ammunition dump at Wuchou (N 23-28, E 111-19) to Mengchiang (N 23-28, E 110-46).
- 4. On every other day in early January, three or four large sailboats, towed by a motor launch, sailed from Canton to Junghsu (N 23-23, E 111-16) via Wuchou. The sailboats carried cargoes of military supplies of an unidentified type, destined for transshipment to Hainan Island. Upon the arrival of the sailboats at Junghsu, they were anchored away from the shore; no other ships were allowed in their immediate vicinity. The cargoes were unloaded after dark into 6 by 6 trucks. Each time the sailboats arrived at Junghsu, approximately ten trucks were required to transport the supplies.²

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- 5. [Redacted]

- 6. Between early and mid-January large numbers of laborers were conscripted by the Communists to build fortifications in the hilly areas of Ch'ihling (N 23-56, E 114-00), Lungmen (N 23-46, E 114-04), Makungshan (approximately N 22-41, E 114-57), and Haifeng (N 22-58, E 115-20).

- 7. During mid-January Communist garrison troops ordered the residents of Neiling-tien (N 22- , E 113-) island to evacuate. Orders were issued that no fishing boats would be permitted to sail near the island.

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- 2. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] reported the movement of three large civilian junks carrying military supplies to Junghsu from Canton in February. These supplies were transferred to trucks at Junghsu and shipped south.

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