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3. There were few public telephones in or near Tientsin amusement places, except in theater ticket offices. Telephone directories are not available in most stores, but the numbers of firms or government agencies could be obtained by calling the telephone company. Directories which were available in stores were usually out of date.
4. The house at Number 9, Ch'eng Te (2110/1795) Road, Tientsin, was being used as a residence for the families of Public Security Bureau (Kung An Chu, 0361/1344/1555) personnel. Occasionally various members of the Public Security Bureau would go into or come out of the house.
5. A sanitarium for Chinese Communist soldiers was at Number 77, T'ai Erh Chuang (0669/0348/5445) Road, North, near the entrance of Ch'eng Te Road. This sanitarium was surrounded by a high red wall. Most of the buildings in the compound were two stories high and old. There were guards posted at the gate.
6. The Tientsin factory of the China Tobacco (Chung Kuo Yen Ts'ao, 0022/0948/3533/5335)

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Company is across the river opposite the entrance to Ch'eng Te Road. The factory is in a large rectangular-shaped building of modern construction with large glass windows all around the upper floor. The interior of the building could not be readily observed from the outside, but the noise of machines in operation could be heard as late as midnight.

7. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the authorities recently had put into effect a new law that required all stores to pay additional taxes for past years. This new law pertained to the collection of evaded taxes. Under the new ruling, stores were requested to pay the back taxes on by-products of wares sold during past years. These by-products included food left over after a restaurant customer had finished eating and had paid his bill. This left-over food could be resold and therefore was taxable. 25X1

8. [redacted] zinc-plated metal wire manufactured by the China Industrial Products (Chung Kuo Kung Yeh, 0022/0948/1562/2814) Company was piled on Tientsin pier. Some of the wire was being loaded on a ship [redacted] 25X1

9. [redacted], one hundred rolls of blank newspaper were in the warehouse of the China Paper Supply Association (Chung Kuo Chih Chang Kung Ying She, 0022/0948/4786/1728/0180/2019/4357). This warehouse was formerly known as the I Ho (1837/0735) pier warehouse. The paper was marked with the indicator "N/M." 25X1

10. Ten wooden boxes [redacted] were inside the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company Number 2 Pier. Ten smaller crates [redacted] were also on this pier. 25X1

11. [redacted] the following ships were at T'angku (N 39-01, E 117-40): 25X1

[redacted] 25X1

b. The Chinese Communist HO P'ING (0735/1627) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The HO P'ING was painted green. An object that looked as if it might be an antiaircraft gun and that was covered by oilcloth was at the stern of the ship. 25X1

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e. The HUNAN was sailing out of T'angku.

12. [redacted] one 10,000-ton passenger freighter with two funnels was in the New Harbor. [redacted] 25X1
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13. A foreign ship arriving off Taku (N 38-59, E 117-41) [redacted] had to delay entry [redacted] since [redacted] the navigator and inspection officials were unable to board because of bad weather. The customs bureau dispatched an extra motorboat to carry a group of 40 inspectors to the ship. While the inspectors were on board, all stairways, entrances, and exits on the ship were guarded. The ship's captain was requested to instruct the crew to go to their cabins or to continue with necessary work. The inspectors primarily searched the bow of the ship and the engine room. They were mainly concerned with discovering newspapers and JMP. The inspection took eight hours. After the ship arrived at Tientsin, another group of inspectors boarded the ship. Each one wore a red cloth armband. They questioned all personnel working in the ship's administrative section and then remained on board for four hours more. [redacted] a group of inspectors from the Public Security Bureau boarded the ship and searched for newspapers 25X1

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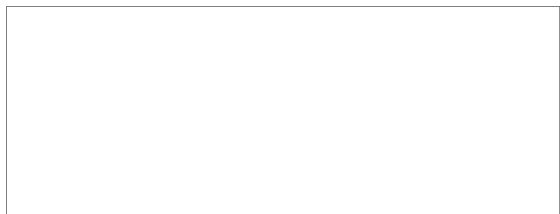
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published in February. As the ship was entering and later as it was leaving the harbor the motorboat used by the navigator was circling the ship.

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