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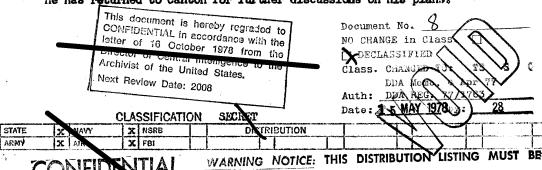
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- 1. II Wei-chen (李 微塵), representing a group who call themselves the Rationalists and who desire to counterbalance and minimize the influence of the Communists in a coalition government, is seeking American aid for the group.
- 2. LI believes that the Generalissimo is through and speaks nebulously of a new leader who will come from among southern war lords, the Kwangsi Clique, and the Mohammedans, for whom he envisions himself a compromiser and intermediary. He suggests that everyone will subordinate himself to this leader, but gives no hint of his view as to who the leader will be.
- 3. His favorite appears to be HSUEH Yueh, who has 10 divisions under his command. LI claims to have won the support of YU Han-mou and CHANG Fa-kuei, the latter being the Rationalists! choice for governor of Hainan, a choice which they would support by arms. LI believes that these three men, with the Kwangsi Clique, can hold the southern provinces.
- 4. LI feels that the northwest provinces will support his group, but claims that he has no contact with Yunnan and speaks indefinitely of his contacts in Szechuan.
- 5. II, who reports his occupation as that of a journalist, claims to have been intimate with Eugene CHEN, former Foreign Kinister; his son David CHEN now in Hongkong; Kwangtung military and political figures; and LI Chi-shen. He has returned to Canton for further discussions on his plans.



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