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1. In preparation for war against the Chinese Communists, MA Hsing-kuei and MA Pu-fang, Governors of Ninghsia and Tsinghai Provinces, respectively, have moved all the infantry troops which were in northern Ninghsia to the vicinity of Ninghsia City, the provincial capital. The area vacated will be defended by cavalry units now at Shampa (107-08, 40-59) in conjunction with Mongol units in Ninghsia and Suiyuan. The MA's have also moved a force to Pingliang (106-29, 35-31) which will assume the defense of southern Shensi Province. It is planned also to place a large number of troops around the oil fields at Yumen (97-13, 40-15) in Kansu Province.

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2. Prior to the execution of these plans, MA Hung-kuei had fled to Tsinghai, fearing a Chinese Communist invasion of his province. At this time he sent U.S. \$800,000 worth of gold bullion to the Chase National Bank in New York. However, after a strong rebuke from his cousin, MA Pu-fang, and the conference at which the above plans were laid, he returned to Ninghsia. At this time CHANG Chih-chung, Chairman of the Northwest Political and Administrative Headquarters, unfolded a plan for peace with the Chinese Communists, but the MA's announced their firm determination to fight and told both CHANG and KUO Chi-chiao, Governor of Kansu Province and supporter of the peace plan, that they would brook no interference in their efforts to resist invasion.\*

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3. The MA's are also attempting to enlist the Mongols in their cause and have offered encouragement to Prince TE, who is now working to set up an autonomous Mongol government.\*\* The MA's and Prince TE desire and hope for American aid.

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4. During February the MA's received over 30 tons of ammunition from the Central Government. The MA's paid for the transport of the cargo, which was shipped by the Civil Air Transport Company.\*\*\*

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED], which states that CHANG went to the Northwest to weld Moslem elements in that area into an effective anti-Communist military bloc and that this plan was welcomed by the MA's.

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