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1. Shortly after the Chinese New Year, Nationalist troops recaptured Tatsienlu (102-02, 30-03), which had been in the possession of the Chinese Communists for two and a half months. At that time the secret societies still held T'iench'uan (102-46, 30-04), and Singyuan (102-18, 27-53). However, within a few days 1,000 mounted Chinese Communist troops drove the Nationalists from the Tatsienlu area, and both T'iench'uan and Singyuan fell. Lit'ang (100-16, 30-00) and Batang (99-00, 30-00) surrendered but, as of mid-April 1950, were not occupied in force by the Chinese Communists.
2. LIU Chia-chu, former secretary to the Panchen Lama and Sikang representative to the Nationalist Government*, was appointed military governor in Batang.
3. In mid-April 1950, Gezang Aisho, whose residence is in Batang, was in Kantzu (99-59, 31-38), possibly for the purpose of making contact with the Tsinghai Chinese Communist occupation forces at Yushu (96-52, 33-01), and consolidating northern and western Sikang Province for the Communists.
4. In late March or early April 1950 a large party of influential persons, including the Chief Magistrates of Batang and Lijang (sic), made a visit to the Pangdatshang brothers at Boto, apparently for instructions.
5. Topgyal Pangdatshang, in late March 1950, appeared to be planning to remain in Boto.**
6. Nagpa Pangdatshang and his wife were expecting to go to Lhasa as soon as they received word that their son had reached Lhasa and been well-received.***

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* [redacted] Comment. In 1947 he was a member of the Mongolian-Tibetan Affairs Commission. 25X1A

** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] this as an indication that Topgyal has not yet been contacted by the Communists, for he would have to go to

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Tatsienlu to be of much assistance to them. In Boto, a mountain retreat primarily useful as a headquarters in guerrilla fighting, he remains not only useless but also a potential menace to the Chinese Communists.

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Comment. [REDACTED] Rapga's son reached Lhasa in June 1950 and appeared to be waiting for his parents' arrival before proceeding to Darjeeling, where he is to enter St. Joseph's College. Rapga's intended trip to Lhasa is interpreted as an indication that he hopes for assistance from Great Britain or America, and is determined not to throw in his lot with the Chinese Communists, despite their offers to him.

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