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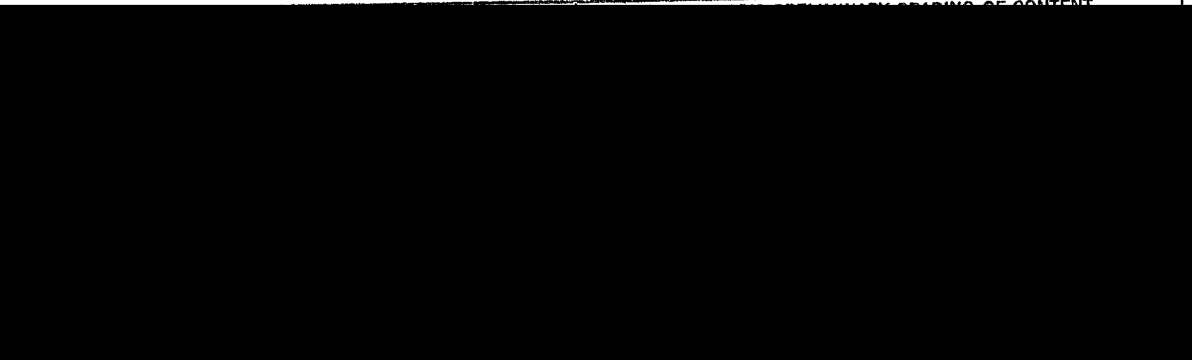
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- Under Chinese Communist direction, the Panchen Lama has organized the Self Defense Corps of the Rear (sic)* Tibet People's Government. The corps consists of 300 personal guards for the Panchen Lama and 700 men of Pang-ta-to-chi's militia.** The commander is CHI P'u-mei (計普美)***, and Pang-ta-to-chi (邦達多吉) is deputy commander.
- The corps has been seeking instructions and financial aid from the Chinese Communist government in Peiping. Once an agreement had been reached with the Chinese Communists, the Panchen Lama planned to leave for Tibet by way of a northern route through Sikang Province.
- The Chinese Communists appointed about thirty political workers and twenty students from the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs School, Peiping, and the School of Frontier Affairs to participate in the Rear Tibet People's Government.

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25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The Chinese Communists have been referring to the Tibetan People's Government since in January 1950. No characters were received for the name used here, but it is possible that the first was hou (後), used in the sense of "to come", and that a better rendition would be Provisional People's Government of Tibet.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] Comment 10, suggesting that Pang-ta-to-chi may be Topgyal Pangdatshang. [REDACTED] reported that the Communists under the Panchen Lama claimed him as a puppet. Press reports of rumors in Kalimpong have indicated that a Tibetan force under the Panchen Lama were with elements of the 2 Field Army invading Tibet.

** [REDACTED] Comment. This is probably Jigmet Drokwa, also known as CHI Ching-mei, who has long been manager of the Panchen Lama's affairs.

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