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1. Local troops of Hupeh, comprising a public security division and a garrison corps of the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee, have not yet been replaced by regular troops in their responsibility for the defense of the cities of Hankow and Wuchang, their suburbs and vulnerable points. There are very strict measures for keeping peace and order in the cities. The police have been vested with wide powers to deal with disturbances.
2. At present, owing to the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty and the suspension of the cease-fire talks in Korea, it is widely rumored that the United States released the Nationalist Government from restrictions imposed in June 1950 and has agreed to help the Nationalists invade the mainland. This has caused much uncertainty among the people.<sup>1</sup>
3. Public security authorities have taken strong measures to check the spread of rumors by arresting suspected citizens. They also have forced the young people to organize themselves into youth study groups. Each group consists of 10 to 20 young men and women. Included in their studies are political and cultural activities and singing and dancing in the evenings, designed to keep the young people occupied. One member of each of these study groups is a police informer, who must report on the thoughts and political leanings of the other members. Such reports are, however, usually highly inaccurate. The informer usually makes no secret of his distasteful task to the other members of the group.
4. Several tax collectors have been physically assaulted and in a few cases murdered in this region while trying to collect taxes. Feeling against the present regime is running high.

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