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On 5 January LIU Shan-pen, chief of staff of the Chinese Communist Air Force, together with four staff members and two Soviet advisers, arrived at Nanning aboard a C-46 from the Wuhan area. On 6 January LIU made a general inspection of the Air Force Headquarters at Nanning, and during the morning of 7 January he made an aerial inspection in a plane escorted by three YAK-15's over the Lungchou (106-56, 22-22), P'ingsiang (106-44, 22-06), Chennankuan (106-41, 21-58), and Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09) areas. On the afternoon of the same day LIU and his party left Nanning by air for Kunming. During December 1951 at a meeting of high-ranking air force officers in Peiping LIU suggested the expansion of the Chinese Communist Air Force in South China during the spring of 1952; the inspection trip was made in this connection.

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