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1. [Redacted] units of the 22 Army Group, 1 Field Army, were stationed as follows:

- a. Headquarters of the 22 Army Group and of the 9 Army were at Chinghua (2529/0553)².
- b. The 25 Division was at Suilai (86-19, 44-21).
- c. The 26 Division was at Wusu (84-40, 44-28).
- d. The 27 Division was at Polo (82-18, 45-01). This division was recently transferred there from southern Sinkiang.
- e. The 7 Cavalry Divison was at Changchi (87-17, 44-03).
- f. The 8 Cavalry Division was at Chingho (82-47, 44-39).

2. This army group was organized from troops of the Nationalist Sinkiang Garrison Command under TAO Chih-yueh (7118/1492/1471), who defected to the Communists [Redacted]. When reorganization began, the headquarters was moved from Tihua to Chinghua² and troops were assembled in the area along both banks of the Manass River between Chinghua and Wusu. WANG Chen (3769/7201), in addition to his other duties, became political commissar for about 500 political workers in the Political Department. After six months of indoctrination [Redacted] and elimination of "unreliable elements," the 22 Army Group was brought firmly under Communist control.

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3. As soon as its reorganization and indoctrination were completed, the 22 Army Group was assigned to production work, [redacted] the Sinkiang Military District designated this army group as one of the major units in the "Reclamation Army." All its personnel were ordered to assemble in the area north of the Tihua-Hochen Highway to grow foodstuffs, cotton, beets, and other agricultural products on 550,000 mou of reclamation land there. Receipts from commodities produced by the 22 Army Group [redacted] were expected to reach JMP 300,000,000,000 or more. It is no longer a combat force, but is gradually becoming an important labor force engaged in collective farming [redacted]

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4. It would be extremely difficult for personnel of this army group to desert or resist the Chinese Communists because the area occupied by it is bounded on the west by the garrison area of the New 5 Army (formerly the Sinkiang Minorities Liberation Army) and on the east by other units of the 1 Field Army.

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2. Comment. Probably Hut'upi (86-57, 44-07) is meant.

3. Comment. Probably Hoshe (87-15, 43-10) is meant.



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