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**TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich**

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Dr. George HATEM, alias MA Hai-teh

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1. The following information, which was brought to the attention of this office, is forwarded for its possible interest to you.

2. Dr. George Hatem was written up in the October issue of China Reconstructs, 1956, pp. 18-21 by Basil Davidson, a British journalist and novelist, who visited Sinkiang, China, in July and August 1956. The article was entitled: "A Sinkiang Story" and contains a picture of Hatem. Davidson says, among other things, "MA Hai-teh is a youngish man around the age of fifty... whose many years in China have not removed a full and fruity command of the American language, nor habits of hospitality and easy-going friendliness that make Americans, when that is how they are, the best of people. Like his late friend and fellow worker, Norman Bethune George Hatem threw in his lot with the cause of China's revolution when many of the hardest years had yet to be endured... I think that he came to China in the first place, after qualifying in the United States and a period of post graduate studies in Syria, to specialize in tropical medicine. But 1935 found him in Yenan, and the hard fighting years that followed found him as a medical practitioner and surgeon in the ranks of the people's Liberation Army... Among many new medical organizations established after 1949 not the least important was the Central Research Institute of Skin and Venereal Diseases. It was of this Institute that MA Hai-teh became a member. ... Dr. MA and his colleagues stay three or four months in selected areas... Last year he and his colleagues Dr. CHEN and Dr. YIN were in the grasslands of Inner Mongolia... and the western mountains of Kansu. This year they are in Sinkiang and later on they will be moving into Chinghai Province where it joins Tibet. Next year they will go into Tibet itself."

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3. Hatem, using the alias MA Hai-teh, wrote an article for China Reconstructs in the February issue 1957 entitled: "On the Sinkiang Road," pp. 22-25. The editorial squib about him says, "MA Hai-teh (Dr. George Hatem) is an American born physician who has worked in China for 23 years. He now specializes in health work among the national minority peoples." This was followed by an article by him in the March 1957 issue of China Reconstructs entitled: "Clinic for the Kazakhs," pp. 12-16, and another article in the December 1957 issue entitled: "Health for the Ahsi People." In this article Hatem says, "...In Kunming, I...discovered a vice-chairman of the provincial government, ~~Chang~~/~~Tsung~~, an old friend from Yenan days ten years ago..."

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