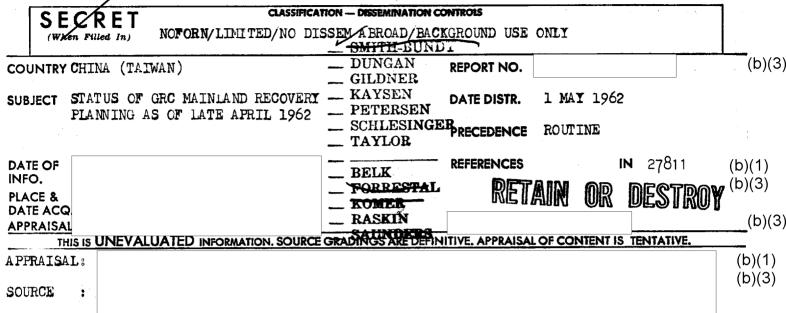




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IN A DISCUSSION ON MAINLAND RECOVERY. VICE CHIEF OF 1. GENERAL STAFF LAI MING-TANG SAID CHIANG CHING-KUO TOLD HIM THAT AS OF LATE APRIL 1962, PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI - SHEK FELT THERE SHOULD BE TWO STAGES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (GRC) MAINLAND COUNTERATTACK. THE FIRST STAGE WAS TO BE A LARGE SCALE AIRDROP; THE SECOND STAGE WAS TO BE AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING. TO SUCCESSFULLY CARRY OUT THIS PLAN. CHIANG CHING-KUO SAID THREE POINTS WERE ESSENTIAL: 1) THE AIRDROP MUST CONSIST OF 200 TO 300 MEN: ONLY THEN WOULD THE GRC HAVE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO 2) THE GRC WOULD NEED THREE C-123'S FIGHT ON THE MAINLAND EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRONIC COUNTER MEASURE (ECM) EQUIPMENT, AND CLASSIFICATION -- DISSEMINATION CONTROLS REPO S EVO NOFORN/LIMITED/NO DISSEM ABROAD/BACKGROUND USE ONLY CIB OCR JCS SECDEF NSA NIC OCI ONE ARMY/ACSI NAVY AIR STATE

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TWO WITHOUT ECM. 3) THE GRC WOULD NEED 100,000 TO 120,000 TONS OF LST'S, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD NOT HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO CARRY OUT THE ATTACK. THE GRC WOULD ALSO LIKE 16 B-57'S.

2. CHIANG TOLD LAI THAT THE INITIAL ATTACK HAD TO BE STRONG ENOUGH "TO DEAL A FATAL BLOW TO THE ENEMY, SO THAT FUTURE COUNTERATTACK PROBLEMS COULD BE SETTLED MORE EASILY". CHIANG SAID THREE PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED TO AVOID DEFEAT, "OTHERWISE THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE". FIRST, THE GRC HAD PLANNED TO USE MERCHANT SHIPS FOR THE AMPHIBIOUS LANDING. CHIANG SAID THIS WOULD LEAD TO CERTAIN FAILURE, AND ALSO THE GRC WOULD BE CRITICIZED BY THE PEOPLE. IF MERCHANT SHIPS COULD NOT BE USED, IT WAS NECESSARY TO AELY ON OTHER METHODS. SECOND, THE GRC HAD OVERESTIMATED THE STRENGTH OF ITS AIR FORCE. THIRD, GIVEN GRC NAVAL AND SHIPPING LIMITED LIFT AND RANGE CAPABILITIES, THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WOULD KNOW WHERE THE GRC WAS GOING TO LAND AND WOULD BE WAITING THERE FOR THEM.

3. LAI SAID IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT A SURPRISE ATTACK WAS TACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE; EVEN WITH UNITED STATES SUPPORT ON AIRCRAFT AND LST'S, THE GRC COULD ONLY REACH FOOCHOW TO THE NORTH AND SWATOW TO THE SOUTH FOR AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING. WITH ORDINARY RADAR, THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS COULD DETECT THE SHIPS AT 40 MILES

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THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WOULD DETECT THEM. LAI THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO SURPRISE THE COMMUNISTS BY LANDING EITHER AT CH'INHUANG-(b)(1) TAO (N 39-57, E 119-35), HOPEI PROVINCE, OR ON HAINAN ISLAND. (b)(3)

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