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Summary:

A summary of the reports of the Indian Mission to Lhasa for January-March 1951.

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Reports of Indian Mission Lhasa for period Jan 15 through Mar 15 just recd and being pouched. Chief points of interest are:

- (1) While mil situation remains quiet there are indications Tib leaders may in sheer desperation make deal with Chi Commies.
- (2) Chi have completely won over Ngapho Shape rpt Ngapho Shape (leader of del presently in Peiping).
- (3) Chi are extorting forced loans of foodstuffs and slaughtering yaks on which food delivered.
- (4) Relations between Tib. and Nepal are deteriorating with Tibs complaining Nepalese have not acted favorably on Tib request for mil assistance.

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- (1) Rumors Shakabpa arrest false. Now "photographer to Dalai Lama." Shakabpa has told Tib Govt advice from US was "US unable help. Only course is make agreement with CPR." Tib officials feel unable fight or flee. Embittered with India, US, UK.
- (2) Last responsible Tib official remaining India is Yangpel Pangdatshang, member former Trade Mission to US, presently Kalimpong. Yangpel willing travel Calcutta Delhi if assured possible benefit

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from talks with US officials. If not thus assured, planning go Yatung
pulling up ladder after him. Secure means available here of transmitting
msg to Yangpel

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