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John McCone (Director of Central Intelligence Agency) to Mexico City, 'Cable: Background on CCP Member Born 1901'

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Summary:

A cable sent from CIA headquarters to an agency officer in Mexico City concerning Liang Sicheng and whether or not he could be persuaded to defect to the United States. Though Liang's name was not disclosed during the declassification process, the identifying details match Liang's biography.

Original Language:

English

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1. [redacted], 201-736701 ROOM 1901, TELIX.

LANGUAG: ENGLISH. NUMBER: CCP.

BACKGROUND:

1923 SA TELEFONIA UNIV

28 SA, MA UNIV PERS

28 [redacted]

28-31 [redacted]

31-41 [redacted]

32-33 [redacted]

41-43 [redacted]

46 [redacted]
47 [redacted]
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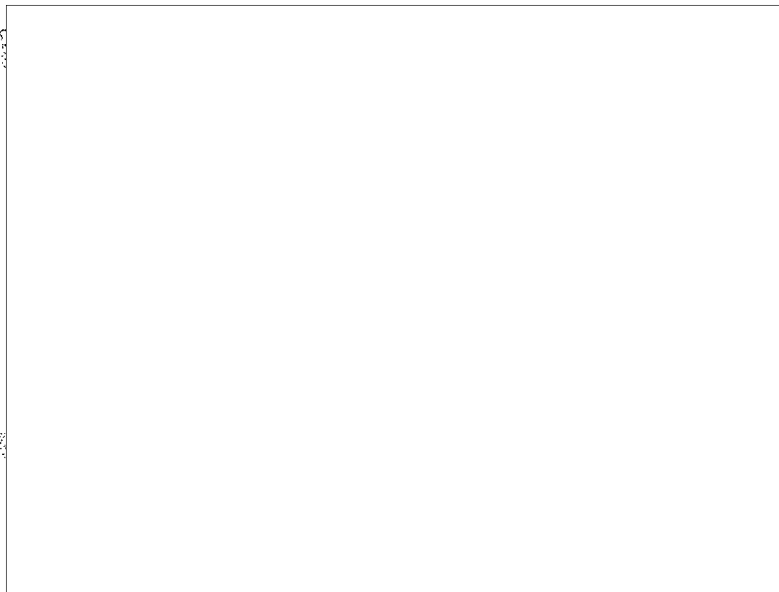
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DEPUTY LEADER OF CPR DELEGATION TO [redacted] INTER-
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF [redacted] HAVANA

2. HE SELF CRITICISM FOLLOWING EXTRACTS FROM [redacted] SPEECH TO THE
NPC, JULY 13 1957 ENTITLED "WHY I LOVE OUR PARTY". DEPUTY [redacted] AFTER DESCRIBING
"THE BRILLIANT INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS
OF OUR NATION," TOLD OF HIS PAST ANXIETY AND PERPLEXITY IN HIS OWN WORK. HE
SAID THAT AT THE TIME HE HAD USED OUT-DATED ARCHITECTURAL THEORIES TO TEACH THE
YOUNG INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS OF THE [redacted] UNIVERSITY BECAUSE HE WAS BOTHERED

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BY THE STATEMENT THAT FURTHERING OF THE PARTY WAS GOOD. HE SAID THAT AFTER HE HAD WRITTEN ARTICLES, MADE REPORTS, AND DELIVERED LECTURES ON HIS ANTIQUATED ARCHITECTURAL THEORIES, HE SUDDENLY DISCOVERED THAT HE WAS A NATIONAL TARGET FOR REPUTATION. HE SAID "I WAS DOWNHEADED. I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE PARTY. I WAS SURE I WAS BEING SUBJECTED TO CRITICISM BECAUSE MY ARCHITECTURAL THEORIES DID NOT FIT INTO THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. MY BAIT WAS AS DEEP AS THAT OF A CHILD BEING PUNISHED BY HIS MOTHER. WHY? BECAUSE I TALKED OUR PARTY AS MUCH AS I HAD TALKED MY MOTHER. THE PARTY, HOWEVER, WAS VERY PATIENT WITH ME. AFTER I CAL STRAIGHTENED OUT MY THOUGHTS, I ADMITTED MY MISTAKES." HE SAID: "I WAS A FEUDAL SON. AFTER THIS EDUCATION, I WILL NEVER LEAVE OUR PARTY --- NOT EVEN A STEP AWAY FROM IT."

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3. STPLATE 1 (IDEN) WHO ~~SHOULD BE~~ [redacted] AT UNIV [redacted] OF

OPINION THAT [redacted] WOULD NOT ACCEPT REASSIGNMENT IN PLACE BUT THERE IS CHANCE HE WOULD DEFECT IF OFFERED CHANCE LEAVE CURRENT CHINA. HAS COMPLETED [redacted] CANDIDATE FOR IDENTIFYING OR RECRUITING. [redacted] AGE AND BACKGROUND THAT WOULD MAKE GOOD IN PLACE AGENT.

4. SENDING STPLATE 1 TO WORK UNDER SENIOR'S DIRECTION AS A POSSIBLE BRIDGE TO [redacted] STPLATE 1 LONG TIME REBARK CONTACT BUT IS NOT TRAINED CASE OFFICER. HAS BEEN USED PRINCIPALLY IN REBARK WORK IN PAST. ^{MAY BE} [redacted] WILL [redacted] FURTHER BACKGROUND.

5. STPLATE 1 WILL USE TOURIST COVER AND WILL REMAIN ONLY TWO DAYS DUE HEAVY PERSONAL COMMITMENTS. HIS FUNCTION WILL BE TO USE PAST FRIENDSHIP TO ATTEMPT ESTABLISH CONTACT [redacted] AND DETERMINE WHETHER [redacted] IMPROVED DEFECTION. IF SO STATION SHOULD BE PREPARED SAFEHOUSE UNTIL FURTHER STEPS CAN BE TAKEN.

6. STPLATE 1 ARRIVING MEXI 12 OCTOBER 2145 HOURS VIA EASTERN AIR LINES FLITE 305. HAVE BRIEFED HIM WILL BE MET BY [redacted]. STPLATE 1

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WILL WEAR RED WHITE BLUE TIE. IF CONTACT MISSED STPLATE 1 TO PROCEED
CITY AND CONTACT MARINE GUARD AT EMBASSY ASKING FOR SANBEND. AUTHORIZE
STATION ADVANCE OPERATIONAL FUNDS AND PER DIEM AS NECESSARY TO STPLATE 1
SINCE NO OPPORTUNITY DO SO HERE. CHARGE LCHARVEST OOA.

END OF MESSAGE

FI Staff Lloyd George (by phone)

DC/PSS/OS Steve Kuhn (by phone)

CI Staff Mr. Mertz (by phone)

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