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the Department of State, 'General Sun Li-jen'**

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Summary:

Addresses General Sun Li-jen's involvement in a significant interrogation in Taiwan's Legislative Yuan on September 23. The discussion highlights questions raised by opposition member Li Kung-chuan about the status of the investigation into General Sun, with government officials providing cautious responses and avoiding detailed commentary. This document summary was generated by an artificial intelligence language model and was reviewed by a Wilson Center staff member.

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General Sun Li-jen was the subject of an interpellation in the Legislative Yuan on September 23. Li Kung-chuan, a member of the Young China Party, a small opposition political group, asked if the results of the investigation could be announced soon.

Vice Premier Huang Shao-ku replied the inquiry would be completed soon. In this exchange the two officials resorted to delicate rhetoric and avoided references to controversial aspects of the case. The China Post account of the question and answer is enclosed for the Department's information.

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INQUIRY INTO GEN. SUN LI-JEN'S CASE WILL BE
COMPLETED SOON, SAYS HUANG

The work of the nine-man commission of inquiry into the case which led to General Sun Li-jen's resignation last month will be completed pretty soon, declared Vice-Premier Huang Shao-ku in the Legislative Yuan in answer to a question asked by legislator Li Kung-chuan, a member of the Young China Party, yesterday afternoon.

Legislator Li said that he had considered for a long time whether he should raise the question in the Legislative Yuan. But in view of General Sun's services during the Second World War and his international prestige, Li finally persuaded himself that it would be a great relief to all the Chinese people both at home and abroad if the results of the investigations could be announced at an early date.

In the absence of Premier O. K. Yui, Vice-Premier Huang replied that he was much moved by Li's earnestness in asking for information about the case, which, Huang emphasized, had given more pain to President Chiang and the Premier than anyone else.

Huang said the work of the commission of inquiry appointed by President Chiang on August 20 is sacred and dignified. He was sure that the commission would proceed with the investigation in a spirit of honesty and fairness and that the results would be absolutely fair and conform to the best interests of the nation.

The Government has not made any further statements beyond the one issued by the Government Information Bureau on August 20, Huang explained because the Government does not wish to influence the independent judgement of the commission. The work of the commission will be completed pretty soon, Huang assured the Legislators. He concluded by remarking that by then Legislator Li's heavy heart would be relieved.

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