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Summary:

The State Department requests an appraisal of Chiang Ching-kuo's influence on Taiwan, focusing on his leadership qualities, the factors behind his growing power, and its potential implications for U.S. interests. It emphasizes thorough research over immediate submission, highlighting the importance of understanding Chiang's impact on Taiwan's political and social dynamics

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The Department has recently noted numerous and in some cases conflicting reports regarding the extent of influence and the purposes of Chiang Ching-kuo. In the light of these reports the Department would appreciate receiving from the Embassy a full appraisal of Chiang Ching-kuo and the extent and nature of his influence in Formosa. It is suggested that in preparing this appraisal the Embassy cover as fully as possible the following points, among others: (1) Native ability and qualities of leadership; (2) principal factors which have contributed to the rapid increase in his influence; (3) present extent of his influence and power within the Chinese Government; (4) strengths and weaknesses of his present position; (5) his probable purposes and objectives; and (6) the extent to which further growth of his power and influence might affect either favorably or unfavorably the interests of the United States Government with respect to Formosa.

While the Department would appreciate receiving a study along the foregoing lines as soon as possible, it realizes that considerable research and study will be required in its preparation and desires that the Embassy give primary emphasis to thoroughness in the preparation of it rather than to immediate submission.

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