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MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM RADIO TEAM, TIBET

14 APRIL 1959 - 21 APRIL 1959

MESSAGE 173, 0030Z, 14 April 1959

FROM SONAM TSERING, TOM, LOU. THE THREE MONASTERIES (SERA, DREPUNG AND GANDEN) AND LHASA HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS. ALL THE TIBETAN PEOPLE WHO REVOLTED IN THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE (LHO KHA) ARE STAYING WITH US. MORE THAN 60,000 PEOPLE HAVE ARRIVED TO US. THERE ARE MANY CHINESE SOLDIERS AROUND THE LHO KHA PROVINCE. THEY (CHINESE) DROP BOMBS FROM AIRPLANES AND FIRE ARTILLERY AND OTHERS. THEY ARE FIGHTING VERY SERIOUSLY. OUR AMMUNITION IS FINISHED. PLEASE GIVE US AMMUNITION AND SOLDIERS. VERY DIFFICULT TO FIGHT WITH SMALL ASSISTANCE. THIS IS THE TIME TO ASSIST US IF YOU HAVE ASSISTANCE.



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MESSAGE 174, 0154Z, 19 April 1959

DO NOT COME WITH YOUR AIRPLANE AT THE PRESENT TIME. WE CANNOT RECEIVE THE SUPPLIES. BY CHINESE SOLDIERS AND CHINESE AIRPLANES BOMBED AND ARTILLERY. ALMOST THE LHO KHA AREA LOST. WE CANNOT STAY. APRIL 18 AT INDIAN BORDER. SOLDIERS ALL CIRCLE AROUND. MANY TEN THOUSANDS KHAMBA AND TIBETAN REBEL MEN ARRIVED SAFELY TO THE INDIAN BORDER. IF INDIAN GOVERNMENT PERMITS WILL COME THROUGH TOWANG. IF YOU DON'T WANT WE TWO TO WORK WE WILL GO TO INDIA. GET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INDIAN GOVERNMENT PASSPORT FOR FORTY OF US. WHOLE RADIO WE ARE TAKING WITH US. PLEASE TELL US WHAT WE SHOULD DO WITH RADIO.



MESSAGE 175, 0145Z, 19 April 1959

MESSAGE FROM SONAM TSERING. MANY TEN THOUSANDS OF TIBETANS MONKS AND LAYMEN SAFELY ARRIVED INDIAN BORDER AT CAMP. HERE WE ALL TIBETAN DON'T HAVE ANY KIND OF FOOD. YOU HELP FOR FOOD AND ALL THE TIBETAN MONKS AND LAYMEN CAN STAY TOWANG IF YOU GET PERMISSION (FROM GOI). ALSO TAKE WITH US ALL WEAPONS. PLEASE TALK WITH GOI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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MESSAGE 176, 0650Z, 20 April 1959

UNTIL WE SAY TO YOU, PLEASE DO NOT SEND AIRPLANE.
AT PRESENT VERY IMPORTANT THING WE NEED IS FOOD. WE
HAVEN'T ANYTHING TO EAT NOW. PLEASE SEND US FOOD. AND
TALK WITH GOI IN ORDER THAT WE MAY STAY AT TOWANG.
PLEASE ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AT PRESENT CHINESE
AIRPLANE COME IN THE DAY TIME, NOT COME AT NIGHT. IN
THE DAY TIME FIVE OR SIX CHINESE AIRPLANES COMING AND
BOMBING AND SHOOTING WITH MACHINE GUN IN LHO KHA.
MANY TIBETAN HAVE BEEN KILLED.



MESSAGE 177, 1030Z, 21 April 1959

SONAM TSERING AND HIS SOLDIERS INTEND TO GO TO
TOWANG ENGLISH MONTH, 22ND. WE TWO SHOULD STAY NEAR
INDIAN BORDER, CHINESE SOLDIERS COME NEARBY. FOUR
SETS OF RADIOS, TELL US WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM PLEASE
ANSWER. WE CAN DO NOTHING. 400 PEOPLE PLEASE HELP
US GET PASSPORTS TO TOWANG.

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