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MEMORANDUM FOR: Designated Representatives Under NSC 5412/2
SUBJECT: Joint CIA-GRC Resistance Program

1. PROBLEM

President Chiang Kai-shek's long standing request for increased support to his efforts to keep alive resistance in Mainland China has been bolstered and given urgency by the organization of communes throughout Mainland China and the recent upsurge of Tibetan resistance.

2. FACTS

Events since Communist China launched the commune program in April 1958 indicate the possibility of increasing latent disaffection with the Communist government among the population of the racially Chinese provinces. In the provinces of the north-west there is considerable hard intelligence indicative of fairly large scale and continuing resistance among the non-Chinese minority peoples. In Tibet, there are believed to be a substantial number of armed Khamba tribesmen actively resisting Chinese Communist domination, and the Dalai Lama is now fleeing to India

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through the territory controlled to a considerable extent by these tribesmen. President Chiang has pointed out that, under these circumstances, he must take action in support of the resistance in the above areas if the prestige of his government is not to suffer in the eyes of the world at large and the Chinese people. Ambassador Drumright, in recommending to the Department of State a program of increased support, qualified his recommendation by advising against any joint activities with the GRC into Tibet, since the Tibetans are antagonistic to all Chinese regardless of their political affiliations.



3. DISCUSSION

The Central Intelligence Agency agrees that no activities into Tibet should be conducted jointly with the GRC.

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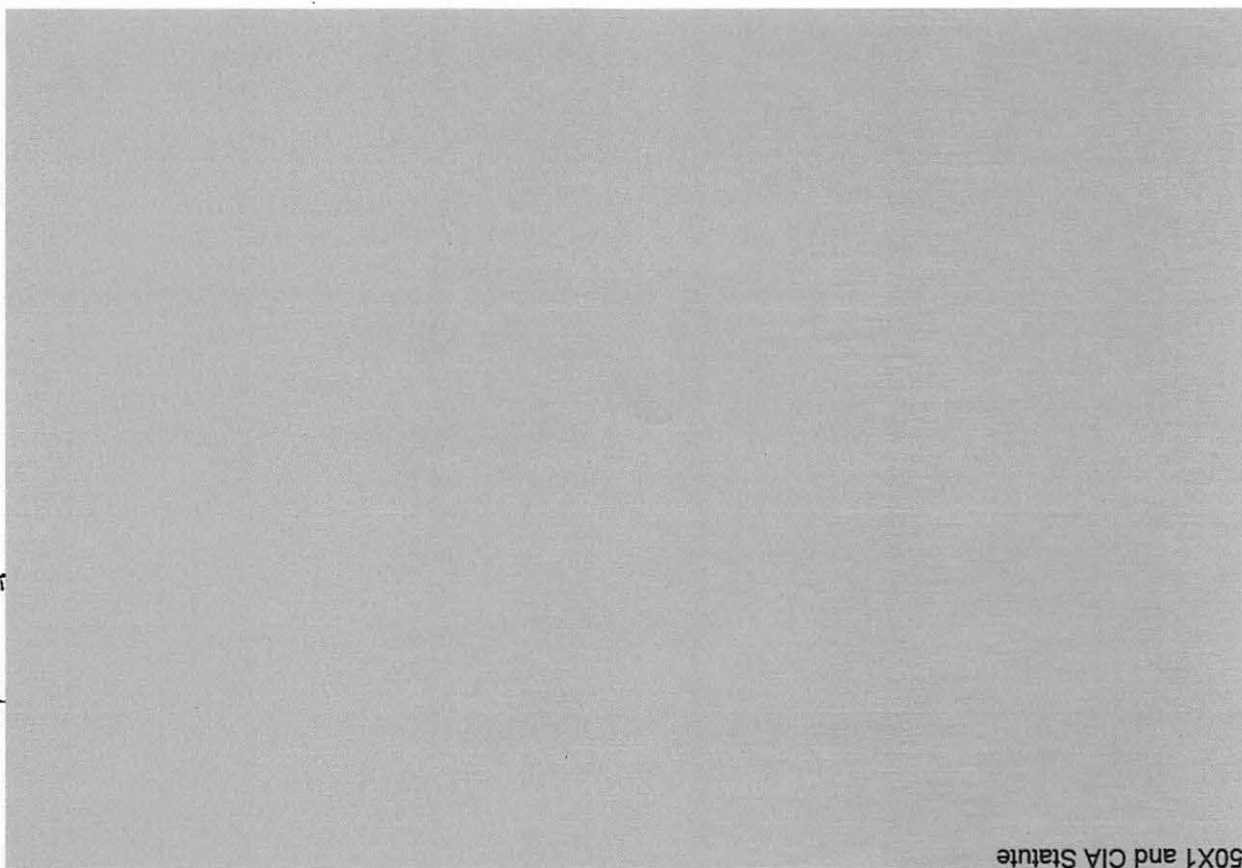
It is believed that success in the consolidation and development of the commune system in China would seriously damage U.S. strategic interests in Asia.

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