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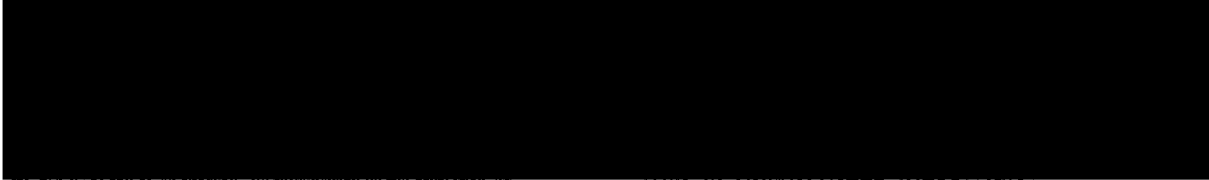
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1. The transfer of the 4 Field Army troops to the north left inadequate garrison forces in Hupeh Province, especially in the Wuhan area. Consequently the 51 Army, formerly stationed at Hsinyang (114-08, 32-09), Honan, has been moved to Hupeh to meet the garrison needs of the Central and South China Military District. This army is under the command of CHANG Chen (張軫) who defected to the Communists on 15 May 1949. At that time CHANG was deputy aide-de-camp of the Nationalist Central China Command, governor of Honan and commander of the 19 Army. Following his defection, the troops under his command were reorganized as the 51 Army of the 4 Field Army on 2 August. In addition to being commander of the 51 Army, CHANG is a member of the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee and deputy commander of the Hupeh Military District. The political commissar of the 51 Army is YANG Chun-kuo (楊春國).
2. The 51 Army is stationed as follows: the 153 Division has garrison duties in Wuhan; the 151* and 152 Divisions are stationed along the railroad near Hankow.
3. On 20 September the troops in Wuhan consisted of one infantry division, one public safety division, two artillery regiments under the command of the Artillery Force Command, and an unknown number of armored cars and engineer units.

25X1C [REDACTED] This is presumably the 153 Division.

25X1C [REDACTED] According to information available to this office, units of the 151 Division are performing occupation duty in Kwangsi Province.

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