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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Preliminary Evaluation of Recent Information on Western Tibet

1. Highly reliable information concerning areas of western Tibet and adjacent Indian territory was obtained on 5 December. This information disclosed the existence of two previously unobserved east-west roads within northern Ladakh. These roads provide greater mobility for Chinese Communist forward forces in this area. However, these are subsidiary roads and will not enable them to increase the total force strength that could be supported by the previously known access roads.

2. Generally, conditions under which the information was obtained on this occasion were not favorable, and the information provided was not comprehensive. There was no information which would contribute to our knowledge of Chinese Communist troop dispositions in the area. No significant troop movements or logistics activity were noted, nor was there information on Communist airfields in the area.

3. It is possible that more favorable circumstances on another occasion would permit the acquisition of more definitive data.

4. Information provided on the Indian portion of Ladakh reveals nothing of unusual significance. The installations reported at Leh were those expected. Leh is the location of an Indian army division headquarters.

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