

**October 10, 1963**

**John McCone (Director of Central Intelligence Agency) to Mexico City, 'Chinese in Mexico of Operational Interest'**

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**Summary:**

The CIA director reports that the Agency is&nbsp;in control of Liang Sicheng's brother in the US and is using him to arrange a meeting between the two men in Mexico City, in which Liang Sicheng's defection would be raised as a real possibility.

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1. LETTER OF INTRODUCTION RECEIVED 7 OCT. HEADQUARTERS OFFICER MET SUBJECT'S BROTHER 9 OCT. BROTHER AGREED TO COOPERATE AND WILLING TRAVEL MEXICO INTRODUCE SUBJECT KUBARK OFFICER. PRIME AIM WOULD BE RECRUIT FOR MAINLAND RESIDENT ASSIGNMENT BUT WOULD AT MINIMUM HOPE DERRIER ON MAINLAND EXPERIENCES.

2. BROTHER EMPLOYED GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, LOS WASHINGTON. FAMILY STILL RESIDING RIVERSON. SUBJECT WROTE HIM FROM CANTON 12 SEPTEMBER. WIFE RIVERSON FORWARDED LETTER WASHINGTON. SUBJECT SAID VISITED HAWAII AND MEXICO CITY. EXPECTED FROM MEXICO DEPT. ABOUT 20 ( ) GAVE ADDRESS AS CARE OF SOLIMED DE AGRI. TERRES MEXICANAS, COMITE ORGANLEADOR UIA, AV VESPERAS #7 24. INDICATED WOULD ATTEMPT CONTACT BROTHER BY TELEPHONE. BROTHER IN WASHINGTON. WIFE RIVERSON WILL GIVE HIM BROTHER'S WASHINGTON PHONE NO IF HE CALLS AND BROTHER HAS AGREED ASK SUBJECT EXACTLY WHERE STAYING MEXICO AND INDICATE MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM VISIT SUBJECT.

3. BROTHER DESCRIBED SUBJECT AS APOLITICAL, INTERESTED ONLY IN TEACHING ALTHOUGH POSSIBLY CUB MEMBER BECAUSE OF POSITION

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BELIEVES BROTHER PLANS CONTINUE TEACHING AND NOT CONSIDERING  
RESETTLING OUTSIDE CHINA. SUBJECT HAS WIFE, TWO CHILDREN  
CHILDREN SHANGHAI.

4. SUBJECT STUDIED PARIS OBTAINED ADVANCE DEGREE URBAN  
DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE. AS THESIS FOR ARCHITECTURE STUDIES  
DESIGNED UNIVERSITY CITY OF PEKING WHICH WON FIRST PRIZE FOR  
ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION THAT YEAR FRANCE. AFTER GRADUATION  
WORKED SHORT TIME FRANCE THEN RETURNED PEKING GET MARRIED.  
AFTER COMMUNIST TAKEOVER WAS ASSIGNED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
PEKING WORKING IN HIS SPECIALTY, URBAN DESIGN. BROTHER SAYS  
WAS UNHAPPY WITH WORK, COMPLAINED TO THE AUTHORITIES THAT HE  
DID NOT LIKE THE WEATHER IN PEKING. (WHICH BROTHER SAYS WAS  
NOT TRUE). FINALLY OBTAINED PERMISSION RETURN TO TEACHING AND  
WAS ASSIGNED TUNG CHI UNIVERSITY SHANGHAI. CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN  
ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT THAT INSTITUTION.

SUBJECT HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH BROTHER PARIS  
... LETTERS DIRECT TO ...  
... SENDS LETTERS TO SUBJECT 240 FUJIAN  
... BROTHER DIED APPROXIMATELY

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FEBRUARY 1963 LEAVING SUBJECT AND OTHER CHILDREN SEVERAL HOUSES AND PLOTS LAND PEKING. IN RECENT CORRESPONDENCE SUBJECT ATTEMPTING WORK OUT METHOD OF DISPOSING PROPERTY. ALTHOUGH THEY CORRESPOND REGULARLY, BROTHER HAS NOT SEEN SUBJECT FOR THIRTY YEARS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO POSSIBILITY MEETING MEXICO. WHILE SUBJECT WILLING INTRODUCE BROTHER TO SUBARE OFFICER WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE BROTHER WOULD BUY THEM.

6. HAVE YOU CONFIRMED SUBJECT'S ARRIVAL MEXI? ANY INDICATION HE WILL REMAIN UNTIL 20 OCT?

7. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR HAS AGREED PERMIT SUBJECT TRAVEL MEXICO OUR EXPENSE. SUBJECT WILLING ABLE DEPART SOONEST. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS <sup>of</sup> STICAL-1 OP, WHETHER OR NOT YOU FEEL THAT TRAVEL BY BROTHER WOULD OVER-COMPLICATE. IF NOT WHEN BEST FOR BROTHER TRAVEL, WOULD YOU NEED ADDITIONAL TDY HELP.

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