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Document I

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**The Ministry of Public Security of the Peoples' Republic China  
(Notice)<sup>1</sup>**

*Ministry of Public Security<sup>2</sup> [2000] No.39*

**Notice On Various Issues Regarding Identifying and Banning of Cultic  
Organizations**

To Public Security offices and bureau of all provinces, autonomous regions<sup>3</sup>,  
metropolises<sup>4</sup> and those at the Xinjiang production and construction regiments:<sup>5</sup>

Pursuant to the spirit of [the document] “Opinion On Relevant Issues Concerning Dealing With some Socially Harmful Qi Gong Organizations” issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council” (Central Directive [2000] No.5), and in accordance with the “ Decisions On Banning of Cult Organizations, Preventing and Punishing Cult Activities” issued by the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress,” with reference to the [document] “Interpretations On Relevant Issues on the Application of the Law Concerning Dealing With Criminal Cases Involving Organizing and Utilizing Cult Organizations” issued by Supreme Court and the

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<sup>1</sup> The word “tong-zhi” literally means “notice” or “communiqué” from a higher government office to those under its administration. It is different from terms like “gong-bao,” or “government announcement for the general public.” In this document, the annotator has chosen the more literal “notice.”

<sup>2</sup> “Gong Tong Ze” is an abbreviation of filing system of the Ministry of Public Security: [2000] No. 39

<sup>3</sup> “Autonomous region” is a term used for provinces that have a good number of ethnic minorities, such as Inner Mongolia, Ningxia, Xinjiang Uigur autonomous region, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous region and Tibet. Autonomous regions enjoy a little more freedom than the provinces, where most of the populations are Han people. For example, people in these autonomous regions can have more than one child per family and party members can retain their religion, whereas regular Chinese party members must commit themselves to atheism and to its propagation.

<sup>4</sup> “Zhixiashi” is here translated as “metropolises.” They report directly to the central government; they include the large cities of and surrounding prefectures or counties of Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, and Congqing.

<sup>5</sup> The administration of Xinjiang has been conducted through the military divided among various units called “Production and Construction regiments.”

Supreme Procuratorate,<sup>6</sup>” this notice is issued in response to relevant issues concerning the identification and banning of cult organizations as follows:

**1. Any organization with the following characteristics shall be identified as a cult<sup>7</sup>:**

- a. Those which sets up illegal organizations in the name of religion, Qigong, etc;
- b. Those which deify their leaders;<sup>8</sup>
- c. Those which initiate and spread superstitions and heterodox beliefs<sup>9</sup>;
- d. Those that utilize various means to fabricate and spread superstitions and heterodox [or cultic] beliefs to excite doubts and deceive the people, recruit and control its members by means.
- e. Those that engage in disturbing social order in an organized manner that brings injury to the lives and properties of the citizens.<sup>10</sup>

**2. The identification of cultic groups shall be done by the Public Security Offices [local or prefectural], the Public Security Bureau [provincial] and the Public Security Ministry [national] of the different provinces, autonomous regions and the**

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<sup>6</sup> The legal system of China has three divisions: the Public Security Bureau, which is the police system, the “procuratorate,” which review the reports of the police reports on criminal charges and, after further investigation, prepares charges for prosecution, which are then turned over to the court, which tries a case submitted by the Procurate. Usually the prosecuting documents and the sentences given are identical, except the court dish out the terms of punishment. There are three levels of the Procurate and the Courts, namely, the lower court, the superior court, and the supreme court.

<sup>7</sup> The word “xieh” literally means “heterodox,” the opposite of “orthodox.” Xieh as used in traditional China meant any belief that is a departure from Confucian orthodoxy with an connotation of evil deviation leading to harmful personal or social consequences often with a connotation of being influenced by evil spirits. In contemporary China, “xieh-jiao” means religious groups that are not registered with the government and functioning outside the sphere of state control through the Religious Affairs Bureau and refusing to join the state approved the five “Patriotic Organizations,” namely, The Chinese Buddhist Association, the Chinese Daoist Association, the Chinese Islamic Association, the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Movement, and the Chinese Protestant Three-self Patriotic Movement.

<sup>8</sup> This is true for some authentic heretical groups; other times the concentration of authority in the top leader is also common among groups even considered by orthodox house churches.

<sup>9</sup> Neither the state nor the state registered Protestant Three-self Patriotic Movement or its ecclesiastical counter part, the China Christian Council, has produced any document stating what is orthodox and what is heterodox. The state is not concerned with theological orthodoxy or heterodoxy, but with whether it is registered and operate under its control or not.

<sup>10</sup> “Disturbing social order” is a very common charge and is subject to the interpretation of the police; the following clause is usually attached to it

**metropolises in accordance with the different situations of the activities of the cultic organizations in each location.**

Those cultic organizations which engage in their activities in a certain province shall be identified [as cultic] by the Public Security Bureau of that province or autonomous region, and metropolises, after they have been identified by the [local public security offices]. Those cultic groups that carry on their work across the provinces, autonomous regions, etc. shall be identified as cults by the Ministry of Public Security [of the central government].<sup>11</sup>

**3. When an organization is being suspected of as involved in cult activity, local public security authorities shall immediately conduct investigation, to find out their basic situation and collect necessary criminal evidences. When they consider such an organization fitting the characteristics defined for a cult, the local public security authorities shall submit a written report to Public Security Bureau or office of that province, or autonomous region, and or the metropolis [to which they belong].**

After the provincial level of the public security bureau have verified the report after further investigation and confirmed the report based on the different situations of the group's activities, it should report [its findings] to the [national] Ministry of Public Security requesting it to approve [the group as legal] or to accept its recommendations.

The Ministry of Public Security shall, after having examined and the recommendations, related evidences submitted by provincial level of public security authorities, approve [as legal] or confirm [such groups as cultic].<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> It is interesting to note that the authority of determining a religious group as a cult or not rests with the Public Security Bureau of the provincial level if its activities are confined to that provinces/autonomous region/metropolis, but when a "cultic" group operates beyond one province, that authority for identification lies with the national Ministry of Public Security. However, most Christian groups, whether authentic evangelical mission organizations or churches or heretical groups operate across many provinces, many beyond 20. So the central government's Ministry of Public Security has to deal such cases.

<sup>12</sup> From the context of these two paragraphs, it appears that "approve" means approval as legal, and "confirm" to mean "confirm the identity of a group as a cult."

- 4. The task of banning the cultic organizations shall be carried out by the local public authorities where such cults appear.<sup>13</sup>**
  
- 5. The assets, properties owned by a cult organization, as well as goods and tools used for cult activities shall be searched and confiscated according to law. The houses used for cult activity shall be sealed up and confiscated according to law.**
  
- 6. With respect to the suspected organization, the organizers who use the cultic organization to conduct criminal activities, the planners, the director of such activities and their core members shall be subject to investigation for their criminal responsibility. For those who voluntarily surrender to the authorities or perform any meritorious services, can receive recommendation for reduction or exemption from punishment, when the case is transferred to People's Procuratorate for prosecution.**
  
- 7. After a cult organization is banned, those core members who were engaged in the organization and communication with respect to cultic activities shall be ordered to register themselves at the designated public security authorities within the time limit granted to them and terminate their former relations [with their former cultic group] in repentance. For the ordinary people who were deceived or coerced into participating in cultic activities, they shall not be considered members of the cult, and they need not be registered. They should not be dealt with and treated as members of the cult organization.<sup>14</sup>**

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<sup>13</sup> This is where arrests of church leaders, confiscation of property and equipment, and interrogation under coercion takes place – at the detention center of the local public security office. Reports of persecution usually comes from those who have been subjected to this local level of torture, as described by the letters coming from the female evangelists connected with the case of Gong Shengliang. They were striped and struck with high voltage electric rods in order to obtain a forced confession that they had sexual relations with the accused.

<sup>14</sup> From this point it can be seen that the authorities are after the leaders of these so called “cultic groups.” After they are arrested and their organization banned, the junior leaders are to be registered and re-educated back to normalcy, and the grassroots followers are not charged.



8. In the process of banning the cult organizations and punishing cult activity according to law, we should persistently unite and educate the majority of the deceived ordinary people, helping them to fully realize the harm the cult organization inflicts, to oppose the cult self-consciously, to break away from them, and resist their control and influence, heighten the concepts of legality and obey the State law.

*Attachment:* Information on organizations currently identified as cults.

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**Comments by the annotator:** this is a very important policy document in that it is a comprehensive directive from the national Ministry of Public Security to all the public security offices at the provincial level (including the autonomous regions and the metropolises, and through them to the prefectural offices) issued as a directive to them on how to identify religious groups as cults as well as the procedure for implementation. It follows the party administrative hierarchical structure. While the national Ministry of Public Security has made the final decision on which group is a cult, there is practically no provision for checking how this identification process is one at the local level, nor is there any opportunity for the people involved to state their case.

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### **Information Regarding the Organizations Already Identified**

#### **As Cults**

Since 1979, successions of illegal organizations have sprung up in China under the banner of religion, which were infiltrated from abroad or established by lawless persons within China. Since 1983 the Ministry of Public Security has, on several occasions concentrated on the investigation and banishment of these illegal organizations, and has effectively contained the momentum of their crawling dangers and harm. In November 1995, the General Office of the Central Committee of the Chinese Community Party (CCP) and the General Office of the State Council have forwarded “Notice by the Ministry of Public Security Concerning the Banning of the ‘ Shouter Sect’” and Other Cult Organizations and Opinions on their Situation and Operations” (ting zi [1995] No.50). The General Office of the Central Committee of the CCP and General Office of the State Council identified these organizations as cults, calling the PBS to engage in tasks for further investigation and banning [of cultic organizations]. So far, 14 organizations have been identified as confirmed cult organizations. Seven of them have been identified by General Office of the Central Committee of CCP and the General Office of the State Council, while the other seven have clearly been identified by the Ministry of Public Security.

**I. Seven cults identified in the documents issued by General Office of the Central Committee of CCP and by the General Office of the State Council:**

**1. The Shouters<sup>15</sup>**

“The Shouters,” also called as “Church of God” or “Local Assembly”, was founded by Li Chang-shou in the United States in 1962. It infiltrated into China in 1979. Till 1983 this sect has already spread to 360 counties, cities in 20 provinces and autonomous regions, with up to 200,000 deceived believers. Over recent years, its progeny include “Chang-shou Sect”,<sup>16</sup> “Administrative Deacon’s Stations in Mainland China”, “The Installed King”, “Lord God Sect”, “Power Lord” (which was evolved into “The Practical God”), “The Practical God” (also called “Oriental Lightening”),<sup>17</sup> etc.

Li Chang-shou twisted the doctrines of Christianity by claiming, “Christ is I, and I am Christ”. He changed the words of the Bible from “Call upon the name of the Lord,” “shouting”, asking the believers to cry out “Lord Chang-shou.” He also claimed to “create confusion to the whole of the Christian religion.” The Sect and its core members attack the Party and the government openly, clamoring for “rallying the church to resist the party and the government to the end”. A core member from Heilongjiang Province, Zhao Wei-shan proclaimed himself “Power Lord,” and called himself “the appearance of

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<sup>15</sup> The “Shouters” is the name given to Witness Lee (Li Chang-shou)’s followers in China. They are normally known as the “Local Church,” or “Assembly Hall” (by foreigners). They came to be known as shouters because Li developed a method of “Prayer Reading” in Taiwan in the late 1960s and the same thing was taken to the U.S. when Li founded his U.S. church headquarters in Anaheim, California. In the prayer reading, he and the people would shout out loud the scripture verses phrase by phrase with audience response from the congregation. This practical is usually rather noisy, like a rally. Behind this shouting out is Watchman Nee’s trichotomic doctrine of man as described in his work, **The Spiritual Man**. Nee believed that man is divided into three parts: spirit, soul, and body. It is man’s spirit that is restored to communion with God. He defined “soul” as consisting reason, emotion, and will, and is the “natural man.” He wrote a book called “The Release of the Spirit,” implying that the spirit of man is often imprisoned by the natural man, and need to be released. Li took this over by shouting out Scriptures and calling the name of the Lord as a way to release the spirit. As an indigenous Chinese group, they usually have a low view of theology, thinking that is the product of man’s reason (soulish). Li also revised and annotated the Chinese Bible Mandarin Bible of the 1919 Union Version into his “Recovery Bible,” with his notes. His followers use this version.

<sup>16</sup> Chang-shou (Cangshou) means “always receiving.” However, in Chinese the sound of these two words can also mean “enjoy” So “changshou zhu” can mean “enjoy the Lord” as well as “Lord Cangshou.”

<sup>17</sup> The “Power Lord” and “Practical God” are less known to the outside world as offshoots of the “Shouters Group,” but “Oriental Lightening” (Dongfan shandian) is considered a real heretical group by Christians in China and abroad.

the second incarnated Jesus,” and he asked the believers to call upon “Power Lord” in place of “Chang-shou Lord”(which was later changed to “the Practical God” after being banned). The core member of Shouter Sect in Anhui Province, Wang Yongmin, illegally set up “ Administrative Deacon’s Station for China,” clamoring for “win the war of the nation, establish kingdom rule, and seizing the power from Satan.”

This organization instigated the believers to take over the churches and meeting places, besiege and beat the government officials, and demonstrate against Party and governmental offices. The ring leader of “Administrative Deacon’s Station for Mainland China”, Wang Yongmin, organized hundreds of believers to distribute LI Chang-shou’s “ Explosive News” and other reactionary propaganda material in 69 cities across 20 provinces, autonomous regions, and metropolises, and thereby seriously disturbing public order. Some of the core members committed crimes of rape and frauds and other criminal activities under the banners of religion, creating harm to the lives and property of the people and harm to social stability.<sup>18</sup>

In November 1995, the General Office of the Central Committee of CCP and that of the State Council forwarded the document : “Concerning the Investigation and the Banning of the ‘ Shouter Sect’ and Other Cultic Organizations and Their Situation and Suggestion for Action” issued by Ministry of Public Security” (ting zi [1995] No.50). In this document it was clearly stated that the “ Chang-shou Sect,” the “Administrative Deacon’s Station for Mainland China,” the “Power Lord” and “the Practical God” are clearly identified as cults.

## **2. Association of Disciples<sup>19</sup>**

“Association of Disciples,” (also known as “The Narrow Gate in the Wilderness” in Hubei and other provinces), was founded in 1989 by Ji San-bao, a farmer from Yao County, Shanxi Province. The organization was divided into seven tiers ranking from general assembly, major assembly, branch assembly, minor assembly, minor branch

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<sup>18</sup> This is a standing charge against all Christian leaders arrested by the PSB and appears in almost all the charges prepared by the Procurate and on the sentences dished out to the accused most of the time without proof.

<sup>19</sup> Little is known of this section by outsiders. This document provided some new information, whether true or not, to the study of cults in China.

assembly, the church, and church meeting points<sup>20</sup>. Early 1995, the organization had already spread to over 300 prefectures (counties) across 14 provinces, with deceived people totaling 350,000.

Ji Sanbao twisted Biblical [teachings] by fabricating “seven steps of spiritual journey.” He declared himself to be the “Christ established by God,” as the “God’s son.” He claimed that he could perform miracles that he fasted for 32 days, that he healed the blind and paralyzed, and even “resurrected the dead.”

The core members of this organization fabricated and spread superstitions and heresies, such as “healing the sick by prayers”, “casting out demons,” “eating only two taels (ounces) of grain per day,” that it is “useless to farm,” that “the students who have believed in the Lord don’t have to study to be learned,” and other superstitions and heterodox teachings. As a result, a large multitude of deceived students dropped out of school, the massive people deserted farm lands to pray all days, sold out their family property in preparation for “ascending to heaven”; some misled people even died due to delayed medical treatment as they refused to see a doctor when they got sick. Under the cover of “evangelism,” some of the core members committed crimes of abducting women, rape, frauds and other illegal criminal activities. Some of the core members openly attacked the Party and the government, advocating “winning the heart of the people first, and then seize political power.” They instigate riots and resist family planning policy. They surrounded the offices of the Party and governmental headquarters, and they avenged party members and officials who curbed their illegal activities, and so seriously jeopardized the security of society and political situation in affected areas.

In November 1995, in the “Notice on the Banning the Shouters Sect and Other Cult Organizations...” issued by Ministry of Public Security” (ting zi [1995] No.50), General Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and General Office of the State Council the “Association of Disciples” was clearly identified as cultic organization.

### **3. The All Sphere Church<sup>21</sup>**

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<sup>20</sup> A “Meeting point” is equivalent to a local congregation in the house church system, because they have no set church buildings and they have to move from place to place in accordance with security measures.

“The All Sphere Church” was founded by Xu Yongze<sup>22</sup>, a native from Zhenping Prefecture (county) of Henan Province, in Pingdingshan City in 1984.<sup>23</sup> The highest authority of the “All Sphere Church” is the “All Sphere Council.”<sup>24</sup> This group later developed seven pastoral zones<sup>25</sup>. In 1990, one of the core members, Gong Shengliang established “South China Gospel Band” (also known as the “South China Church”) in Hubei. In 1991, this organization had already spread to over 88 prefectures across 15 provinces, deceiving<sup>26</sup> thousands of people.

The “Basic Draft for Establishing Churches,”<sup>27</sup> compiled by Xu Yongze, advocated the goals of “Realizing the Christianization of Chinese culture, the evangelization of the whole nation, kingdomization of the church, and to co-reign with the Lord.” He vilified the Party and government as “enemy,” “the devil,” the “Red-clothed Monster,” and instigated the believers to fight against the devils in power.<sup>28</sup> Some of the core members attacked the “Three-Self” Patriotic Church. They intimidate and lured the believers to withdraw from the “Three-Self Patriotic Movement and to join their cult;”<sup>29</sup> some of the core members

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<sup>21</sup> “Chuan fanwei jiaohui.”

<sup>22</sup> Also known as Peter Xu in the West.

<sup>23</sup> This information is less than accurate. Xu Yongze started itinerant preaching since 1968 and was the main leader responsible for the revival of the church in Henan since 1974 after Li Tianen, also a native of Henan, was imprisoned for the second time. By 1982 Xu’s group, called “The Word of Life” by themselves, had already produced the “Draft for Establishing Churches” and their “Seven Ministry Principles.” They began to conduct cross-provincial evangelism to Sichuan in the summer of 1982. During the persecution of 1983 his co-workers were forced to flee to neighbouring provinces of Anhui, Shanxi, Shanxi, Hubei, Shandong, and other provinces, where they established branch regional churches and training centers. Actually they started their work in southwest of Henan, namely, Zheping, where Xu came from and Nanyang area. The state authorities seem to have no knowledge of the development of Xu’s group from 1974 to 1984.

<sup>24</sup> The “All Sphere Council” is also called “Annual Council” and is made up of representatives from the various regional council from the seven pastoral regions..

<sup>25</sup> The “Pastoral Zones” are divided geographically such as Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, Central South, and Central China, and Central China. This division of work developed in the late 1980s.

<sup>26</sup> “Deceiving” is the government’s biased term; in Christian terms, it means developed several tens of thousands of believers.

<sup>27</sup> This is a church-planting manual for pioneer evangelism in hitherto unreached areas.

<sup>28</sup> Xu’s group is apolitical and has never advocated ideas opposing the government. The phrase “fighting against those in power and against the demonic forces” is a misquote of Ephesians 6:12: “For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” The document put this phrase into a political cast and interpreted this spiritual warfare to mean “fighting against the demons who are in charge of political power.”

<sup>29</sup> It is true that this group, like most other house churches, are opposed to the Three-self Patriotic Movement and refuse to join it, believing that in the TSPM churches, the head of the church is the state, not Christ and that once they join it, they would loose the freedom to do evangelism among the non-believers.

spread such rumors as “The world is coming to the end, and the tribulations are coming.” “If you belief in the Lord, you can heal the sick.” The demand of the believers to cry loudly at their meetings, which resulted in great disturbance to their neighbors. So influenced by them that many [of their members] pay no attention to [farm] production, and concentrate on being “lifted up to heaven.” Because some of their female evangelists are away from home for a long duration of time doing evangelism, this fact has produced discord with their families who suffered serious hurt in their hearts and in their health.

In November 1995, in the “The Notice Regarding the Banning of Shouter Sect and Other Cult Organizations...” issued by Ministry of Public Security” (ting zi [1995] No.50) and dispatched by the General Office of the Central Committee and by the General Office of the State Council clearly identified “The All Sphere Church” as cultic organization.

#### **4. The Spirit-Spirit Sect<sup>30</sup>**

“ Spirit Sect,” is also called “ Spiritual Religion” or “the Spirit Sect.” It was founded in 1983 by Hua Xuehe, a farmer from Huaiyin Prefecture, Jiangsu Province. Despite of its loose organization, the sect has a clearly defined division of work. By 1990, this organization had already spread to over 13 provinces, autonomous regions and metropolises, with deceived people totaling 15,000.

Hua Xuehe claimed that he was “the second Jesus, Christ the Lord”, who is “the second incarnation of Jesus” descending [upon him]. He said “Huaiyin is Jerusalem.”

The Sect advocates that “the end of the world is about to come, that the whole human race will be destroyed, and that only by joining the Spirit Sect can escape from the disaster,” and so causing the believing mass to give up farm labors waiting for “the end of the world”. They also spread the idea that when “a person is sick, it is because the devil has possess him/her; as soon as the devil is exorcized, the person will get well.” Thus they practiced exorcism and healing among the believers, whipping the tied patients and forbidding them to take any medicine and so harming the person. Hua Xuehe and

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Some of their members do try to convert members of the TSPM churches to join their house meetings for the same reason.

<sup>30</sup> Ling ling jiao may be translated as “the Spirit Sect.” However, it is probably a name given by outsiders rather than by themselves.

others also deceive the people by saying, “the more you offer, the more peace you will receive and the more grace you will get from the family of God,” and thereby they exacted a large sum of money from the believing mass. After Hua Xuehe was arrested and put into the labor education camp, some of the core members gathered 700 believers to protest, and so seriously disturbing social order. Moreover, this organization also stirred up the believers to oppose the Party and the government and attacked the “Three-Self” Patriotic Church, declaring that “the nation must be ruled by the Gospel,” and that “the Ling-ling section should unify the world.”<sup>31</sup>

In November 1995, the Notice “Regarding the Banning Shouter Sect and Other Cult Organizations... Issued by Ministry of Public Security” (ting zi [1995] No.50), dispatched by the General Office of the Central Committee of the CCP and by the General Office of the State Council clearly identified “the Spirit Sect” as cult.

### **5. New Testament Church**

“New Testament Church,” also called “Christian Charismatic Evangelistic Band”, was founded in 1960 by a Hong Kong movie actress, Mei Qi (Jiang Duanyi) and then handed down to her daughter Ruth Chang, who spread her teachings and established an organization in Taiwan. In 1964, another leader of the organization Hung San-chi [Hong Sanqi]<sup>32</sup> established a new headquarter and “holy mountain”<sup>33</sup> in Kaohsiung prefecture of Taipei.<sup>34</sup> In 1988, one of leaders of this organization in charge of the “Shi-pai Church” [in northern Taipei] Tso Shun-kun [Zhuo Kunshen], set up a new “The Blood and Water of Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit Full Gospel Evangelistic Band ” (also known as “The Church Reestablished by Holy Spirit ”). Currently, the organization has already spread to over 20 provinces, autonomous regions and special metropolises.

Mei Qi, Hong Sanqi and Zuo Kun all called themselves “prophets,” who “represent the supreme God to exercise royal rule.” They claimed they that “they are the rulers of God on the earth.” They also claim to overthrow the kingdom of man and

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<sup>31</sup> The correctness of these descriptions need to be ascertained.

<sup>32</sup> Names used in Taiwan should be transliterated according to the Wade-Giles system as they are so used there still; the same applies to Tso Shenkun.

<sup>33</sup> Commonly known in Taiwan as “Xian Shan,” or “Mount Zion.” “sheng-shan” or “holy mountain is also used as an abbreviated form.

<sup>34</sup> Hung’s HQ was established in Kaohsiung Prefecture, and Kaohsiung is in the southern part of Taiwan, not Taipei; it is probably a typographical error.



establish the kingdom of God.” They attack our political authority viciously calling it as a “ tyrannical power,” and our laws as “evil laws”, clamoring, “down with atheists” to “save the souls of people who are persecuted under Communism and to establish the kingdom of God.” Under their planning and support, the core members in China are recruiting members, building up their organization, and conducting illegal meetings, and so bringing much harm to the social stability in some area. .

In November 1995, in the notice “Regarding the Banning of the Shouters Sect and Other Cult Organizations...issued by Ministry of Public Security” (ting zi [1995] No.50) dispatched by the General Office of the China Central Committee of CCP and by the General Office of the State Council clearly identified “New Testament Church” (including its offshoot “The Blood and Water of Jesus Christ Holy Spirit Full Gospel Evangelistic Band” as cultic organizations.

### **6. Guanyin Famen [The Way of the Goddess of Mercy]**

“The Way of Goddess of Mercy” sect was founded in Taiwan in 1988 by Shi Ching-hai [Shi Qinghai], a Chinese of British nationality. Its activities have reached far across the nation in the majority of the provinces, autonomous regions and special administrative metropolises. In May of 1998, one of the core members of “The Way of the Goddess of Mercy,” Xu Chengjiang, set up another “Yuandunfamen.” This offshoot sect has extended itself to nine provinces/cities and over 20 prefectures, and those who are deceived by them number 5,000. Its members are classified with six ranks, namely, “Yuandun,” senior disciples, disciples who have been to the mountain, fellow practitioner authorized to preach their way, fellow practitioner and pupils.

Shi Qinghai claim herself to be “The Supreme Teacher Qing-hai”, a status that parallels to Sakyamuni, Jesus Christ, Allah. She deified herself by claiming that “If I were not Buddha, then no one can become would become a Buddha.” She spread words attacking and overthrowing the Chinese Communist Party, stating “There is no way for human beings to accept the ideas of communism; otherwise, we would be returning to the pre-civilization era.” Xu Chengjiang called himself “Yuadun holy patriarch,” “a contemporary living Buddha.” She wantonly advocating “now the earth is under the rule

of the king of the devil; dooms day is coming. Only by joining the ‘Yuandunfamen’ can one avoid the disaster.

Since 1989, the members of the Sect have come into China frequently under the cover of traveling, visiting, investing and opening up factories for the purpose of recruiting and founding secret meeting places. More recently they have made plans for believers in China to go abroad to attend “famen” meetings or to receive training in order to return home for the expansion of their the cult organization. Xu Chengjiang incited believers to offer all their property to support “Yuandun”, defrauding them of their money by hundreds of millions yuan. The believers were also instigated to sell their houses, moving to Changbai Mountain or Daxinan Mountains with their families to evade the disasters. The Sect’s activities have jeopardized the security of massive people’s life and property, and seriously disturbed society public order.

In November 1995, in the notice “Regarding the banning Shouter Sect and Other Cult Organizations and Work Suggestion Issued by the Ministry of Public Security” (ting zi [1995] No.50), dispatched by the General Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and the General Office of the State Council clearly identified “Guanyinfamen” as a cultic organization. Thereupon, on December 22, 1999, “Yuandunfamen” is identified as a cult in the document issued by the first bureau of the Ministry of Public Security to all the bureau and offices of the Public Security in each province, autonomous regions and the metropolises under the direct control of the central government as well as to the Ministry of Interior Security. The document is entitled: “Notice Concerning the Prohibition and Banning of the Cultic Organization “Yuandun famen.”

### **7. Lord God Sect**

This Sect was founded in 1993 by one of the core members of “Elected King”, Liu Jia-guo, which has been active in over 22 provinces, autonomous regions and cities, deceiving thousands of people. Within the organization there are seven levels ranking from “God the Lord”, “Lord in the most high”, “Four living creatures”, “Seven angels”, “Provincial power”, “County power”, and “co-workers”.

Liu Jiaguo claimed himself “God the Lord”, manufacturing and distributing superstitions and heresies, such as “dooms day is coming; only believing in God the Lord

can save you. Rally around God the Lord to establish God's kingdom." Liu raped 19 women under the pretense of "giving God's spirit". He defrauded the believers of their money by the amount of over 400,000 yuan in the name of offering money and grain. Their illegal activities have jeopardized the security of massive people's life and property, and seriously disturbed public order and stability of political situations in the affected areas.

On April 11, 1998, in the "Announcement: On Preserving the Stability Of Society and Political Situation (zhong ban fa zi [1998] No.8), General Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and General Office of the State Council identified "the Lord God" Sect as cult.

## II. Seven Cults identified by the Ministry of Public Security

### 1. The Established King

This sect was founded in 1988 by one of the core members of "the Shouters Sect", Wu Yang-ming, which has set up over 500 activity centers in 29 provinces, autonomous regions and cities, recruiting thousands of people. Within the organization there are five levels, ranking from "Father king" (Wu Yang-ming), "Power", "Representatives", "The subordinates", disciples. They also laid down strict rules and regulations.

Wu Yang-ming twisted "Christ of God" in "Luke" of the Bible, claiming himself "Elected King". In order to instigate and coerce people into joining the organization, he claimed, "dooms day is coming. Only believing in Elected King can save you; otherwise you will be punished and be killed, "

Wu and his followers vilified the Party and the government, clamoring, "overthrows the Satan's power to build up God's kingdom of new heaven and new earth." before year 2000. By interpreting "being called" in the Bible as having sex with women believers in order to "be saved", he had raped dozens of adult women and children by means of cajolery and coercion, among whom 19 persons had had their testimony examined. He amassed huge amount of money by hundreds of thousands through requesting the believers to pay "offerings". Their illegal activities have jeopardized the security of massive people's life and property, and seriously disturbed public order and stability of political situations in the affected rural areas.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1995, in the “Approval For the Identifying the Organization “the Established King” According to Law ” (gong zheng [1995] No. 470) issued by the Ministry of Public Security to the Public Security Department of Anhui Province, “the Established King” was identified as cult organization.

## 2. Unification Church

“Unification Church” also called as “Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity”, was founded in Pusan by Korean American Sun Myung Moon(*meaning someone who has clarified the Truth, or Shining Sun and Moon –editor’s note*) in 1954.

Sun Myung Moon drafted “*the Divine Principle*”, in which he denied Bible, claiming himself “returning Messiah”, the “successor” chosen by Jesus Christ to fulfill Jesus unfinished mission, to build up “unified families”, “unify world Christianity”, and finally “unify all political systems,” “establishing a heaven on the earth.”

The organization prescribes “baptizing” as having sex among believers between a man and a woman. The marriage must be arranged by Syung Moon, who was the person to preside over trans-national group weddings. Aiming at “anti-Communism and victory over the Communism”, they claim, “the victory of Communism means the failure of democracy and the world of freedom.” This organization had organized anti-Communism large-scale parades in Korea and the United States.

Over recent years, this organization has frequently sent their members infiltrating in China under the cover of teaching, cultural exchange, financial assistance with investment, meanwhile trying hard to win over Chinese overseas students and officials as their recruits for the purpose of expanding “Unification Church” after they return home.

On May 6th, 1997, in the “Approval For the Identifying “Unification Church” as Cult (gong zheng [1997] No. 290) issued by the Ministry of Public Security to the Public Security authorities in Jilin Province and other provinces and autonomous regions, cities directly under the central government, “Unification Church” was identified as cult organization.

## 3. Three Kinds of Servants Sect

This Sect was founded by Xu Wen-ku (or, Xu Shuang-fu), a native from Zhenping County, Henan Province. With members being ranked as “Chief servant” (or “elder

uncle”), “Junior servant” (or “younger uncle”), maid, watch-out, co-workers, pillar, etc, the sect’s interior system is strictly organized, which has been active over 18 provinces, autonomous regions and cities directly under the central government.

Xu deified himself by borrowing the titles from the Bible, calling himself “Chief servant”. Xu and core members manufactured and distributed superstitions and heresies, such as “ Seven disasters will happen to the world by 2000; dooms day will come. Jesus lifts only believers to heaven, while unbelievers will go down to hell.” and “ only Three Kinds of Servants is Truth and Way.” They also advocated “coming to power with the Lord.”

Over recent years, Xu and his core members have defrauded deceived believers out of their money by huge amounts, and committed other crimes disturbing public order.

On March 12, 1999, in the “Announcement: On Relevant Issues Regarding Investigating and Dealing with Three Kinds of Servants” (gong an [1999] No.165) issued by the Ministry of Public Security to the Public Security authorities in provinces and autonomous regions, cities directly under the central government, “Three Kinds of Servants” is identified as cult.

#### **4.The Immortal Real Buddha Sect**

This Sect was founded by a Chinese American Lu Sheng-yan in 1979, with the headquarter set in Leicang Buddhist Temple (also called “Hall of The Immortal Real Residence”), Seattle, U.S. In 1988 this Sect has begun its infiltration in China, which has been active over 13 provinces and cities.

Lu Sheng-yan advertised himself as “ Buddha incarnate”, “ Master Buddha”, claiming, “I really have achieved success through having practiced the Buddhist doctrines on a solid basis, starting step by step from practicing basic doctrines. I even have studied all other religions, ranging from Christianity, Taoism, Xian Gate of Buddhism, Mi Sect of Buddhism, and other less influential religions.”

Lu Sheng-yan is extremely hostile to socialist system. He delivered many speeches in public in 1989, attacking Chinese Communist Party and the government. He also organized a so-called “Buddhist Meeting for the Release Souls From Purgatory For Those Fellow Chinese who died on the June 4<sup>th</sup> (1989)”, which was broadcasted on air to the whole world. The organization set up branch offices in Shanghai, Guangzhou and

Kunming, and assigned supervisors to smuggle into China a large quantities of books and propaganda material, recruit members and expand organizations.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, in the “Announcement Regarding Cult Organizations and Their Activity (gong zheng [1995] No.691) ” issued by the Ministry of Public Security to Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee, Propaganda Department of the CPC Central Committee and Department of the CPC Central Committee, Supreme Court and Supreme Procuratorate, the Immortal Real Buddha Sect is identified as cult.

#### **5. The Children of God**

This Sect, also called as “The Family of Love” was founded by an American David Moses Berg in the United States in 1968, which moved the headquarter to Zurich, Switzerland. The basic unit is “family”, and the highest authority is “Imperial family”, in which David acts as “Emperor”. This organization has begun its infiltration into China since 1980, having built up over 110 families with 190 recruits.

David claimed that he has received the revelation from God to deify himself. He drafted “Mo(ses) Letters “ as the canon, preaching the heresy “dooms day”. He requested that the believers should cast off everything and offer their bodies and property in absolute obedience to “Imperial Family”. David and his followers reviled all social systems and ideology, vilifying that “ Communism will lead to a big nuclear war.” He claimed God’s love is sexual love, instigating believers “fishing by inflicting”, i.e. to recruit members and solicit donations through prostituting. This organization practices communal living and promiscuous sex, encourages sex among children. The majority of the believers in China subject to the influence have been accused of gross indecency, or indulged in sexual immorality, while some others become sex offenders, seriously endangering public order.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, in the “Announcement Regarding Cult Organizations and Their Activity (gong zheng [1995] No.691) ” issued by the Ministry of Public Security to Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee, Propaganda Department of the CPC Central Committee, Department of the CPC Central Committee, Supreme Court and Supreme Procuratorate, “Children of Father in Heaven” is identified as cult.

#### **6. Dami Mission**

This Sect was founded by a Korean Lee Jang-lim in 1988, with “The World General Headquarter of Dami Mission” as the highest authority. This organization entered China early 1992, and has spread in over 10 provinces, autonomous regions and cities directly under the central government.

Aim at advocating “dooms day” theory, this organization claims, the beginning day of “dooms day” is 23:00pm October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1992. Those joining the organization prior to that day will be lifted to heaven with Jesus, while those unbelievers will suffer in subsequent 7-year disasters and will be judged by Jesus in 1999.

Since 1992, this organization has frequently sent its members into China, recruiting members, founding branch organizations, illegally printing, distributing a large quantities of propaganda material advocating “dooms day”. They also ordered core members to instigate, organize those deceived believers to engage in “ascending to heaven” in groups. In Jilin Province they set up 60 gathering places, recruited 400 core members, and deceived 4,000 persons. On their instigation 1200 of those deceived sold out their family property, moved out of hometown, quit their job and study in order to “ascend to heaven”, even approaching at point of “group suicide”. The organization activity have jeopardized the security of massive people’s life and property, and seriously disturbed public order and stability of political situations in the affected rural areas.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, in the “Announcement Regarding Cult Organizations and Their Activity (gong zheng [1995] No.691)” issued by the Ministry of Public Security to Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee, Propaganda Department of the CPC Central Committee, Department of the CPC Central Committee, Supreme Court and Supreme Procuratorate, “Dami Mission” is identified as cult.

#### **7. “World Elijah Evangelical Mission” Sect**

This Sect (its current name “Elijah Ten Commandments Stone Country Korean Farmers Salvation Association”) was founded by a Korean Park Myung-ho in 1980. The hierarchy in the Sect has five levels, ranking from God, Angel, Managing servant, Chief section, and leader of gathering places. Upon its arrival in China since 1993, it has spread to Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang, Beijing, Hebei, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai, Zhejiang,

Anhui, Shandong, Henan etc. 11 provinces, autonomous regions and cities directly under the central government.

Park Myung-ho claimed himself the last prophet “Elijah”, requesting his believers to worship him as “the Immortal Stone”. He called the organization as “Stone country”, for which he drafted up constitution, national flag and anthem. He claimed, “ The dooms day will come in 2000; Park Myung-ho will stand up on the earth as God on September 30, 1997,” and clamored to “dash and ruin every nation.”

The organization has invested huge amounts of money for the infiltration in China. They set up 20 gathering places, liaison offices, and rent lands for establishing 8 communal villages of “Stone Country”, where over 600 deceived believers moved and lived together after sold out their property. In communal villages of “Stone Country”, the residents are requested to cut off contacts with outside world to focus on study of the cult’s tenet, while reading newspaper, watching TV and listening to radio were forbidden. The believers must try all means to absolutely obey Park Myung-ho in the mission to establish Stone Country system and destroy Chinese Communist Party system. *On their* instigation, hundreds of Korean Chinese and Han people living in three provinces of Northeast area joined the organization and moved their families up to live in “Stone Country” after having sold out their property. The organization’s activity has seriously disturb the deceived people’ normal production and life order.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1996, in the special report to the leaders of the Party and the government “On Investigation and Punishment of The Infiltration Activity of ‘ World Elijah Evangelical Mission’ Sect by Public Security Authorities in Jilin Province ”, “ World Elijah Evangelical Mission” Sect is identified as cult.

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**Identify our task, strengthen our determination and create a new prospect in domestic security and defense in the new century**

– **A speech given by Sun Jianxin, the vice director of the department**

**at the meeting of the provincial domestic security and defense<sup>36</sup>**

(February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001)

Comrades:

This meeting is conducted by the decision of the Party Committee of the department. The subject is to carry out the objectives from the provincial meeting on public security and from the national meeting for the directors of departments (and of bureaus and of general corps – ju, zong dui) on domestic security and defense under the guidance of the important thoughts of “three representatives” proposed by General Secretary Jiang [Zemin]. We also need to reflect and summarize our work in the year 2000 on domestic security and defense in our province, analyze the present and upcoming situation we will face in regard to maintaining social and political stability, study and discuss “the tenth five-year” development plan (“*shi wu*” *fa zhan gui hua*) for domestic security and defense. What is more important is that we need to dispose the major tasks for maintaining social and political stability in the year

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<sup>35</sup> The annotator is not able to complete the annotations for this document at this time. We’ll add them in the future revised version. –from the editor.

<sup>36</sup> This is a major speech dealing with China’s national security issues involving broad topics such as US-China relations, cultural exchanges with overseas, political dissident groups, crackdown on FaLunGong and underground Protestant and Catholic churches as well as tactics of intelligence gatherings from both domestic and overseas. Though this is a speech by a leader of the provincial level, it strongly reflects the new policy initiatives for a China’s 21<sup>st</sup> century by the central leadership of CCP.

2001 as well as some important measures about the fundamental development of domestic security and defense. Now I'm going to talk about four issues according to the discussion of the Party Committee of the department.

**I. Obvious achievements in the year 2000 on the work of domestic security and defense in our province and effectively maintaining the social and political stability of the province**

In the past year, under the leadership of the Party Committee and the government, the public security bodies in the province have thoroughly carried out the objectives of the national meetings on domestic and public security and defense work at the basic levels. Based on the unified dispositions of the Ministry of Public Security and the Party Committee of the province, we have prioritized the work on maintaining stability and, with effective forceful measures, we have successfully promoted the fundamental construction at the basic level for public security and defense, which has successfully maintained social and political stability in our province. Thus we have made a constructive contribution in protecting the policy of reforming and door opening to be smoothly carried out and promoting healthy economic development.

**(1) Having launched extensive battles against “Falungong” and carried out effectively the investigation and punishment of harmful *qi gong* organizations**

Following the dispositions of the provincial department of public security, the public security authorities in the province have reinforced information collection, set up specific cases on reconnoitering the “Falungong” organization, and controlled the key members and their activities in the society. The public security bodies have also promptly investigated and punished some die-hard “Falungong” members to prevent them from contacting each other and gathering together, and stopped a large number

of “Falungong” members who had planned to go to Hefei and Beijing. They have complied with the work objectives of “punishing the active, investigating old cases, blocking the resources, fortifying the foundations and focusing on prevention,” and also started specific actions to detect and confiscate the propaganda materials of “Falungong.” They confiscated over 40,000 copies of 200 different types of “Falungong” propaganda materials and arrested over 380 suspects. These operations have effectively prohibited the scattering and distribution of the “Falungong” materials. They have done such a good job that their work has been recognized and praised by the provincial Party Committee, provincial government and the Ministry of Public Security. Wang Zhaoyao, the vice secretary of the provincial Party Committee instructed: “The public security bodies have obtained obvious results in their specific case work on effectively banning and confiscating “Falungong” propaganda materials. This has forcefully restrained “*fan tan*” (rebound) and maintained social stability.” The public security bodies have reinforced the specific investigation on “Falungong” and increased the scope of reconnaissance and investigation on the die-hard “Falungong” members who had clandestinely made contact with other members, planned and organized illegal activities to go to Beijing to stir trouble. They have also uncovered a series of important cases concerning some “Falungong” members who are very influential, such as Gao Qingyin, the chief director of “Falungong” station in Hefei, who had changed his mind and put his “Declaration” on a web site. Ji Guangxiu and several others had distributed leaflets, Zhang Jie, had illegally contacted other members and distributed “Falungong” propaganda materials in the province, Wang Chengsheng, Ke Tianguang and some others from Chizhou had gone to Tiananmen Square to openly distribute leaflets, and so on. They have dealt with and punished through the law a few key and die-hard members and have taken the initiative to educate and convert the “Falungong” members in cooperation with some related offices. In the past year, thirty people [“Falungong members] have had sentences passed against them, over 255 have been educated through forced labor (*lao jiao*), 949 were arrested for criminal offences (*xing ju*) and 1016 were arrested for security concerns (*zhi ju*).

According to the objects of Document No.5 of the Party Central Committee and the dispositions of both the provincial Party Committee and the Ministry of Public Security, the public security authorities of the entire province have conducted serious investigations on the harmful *qigong* organizations and have dealt with them. They have found out more information about some organizations, such as “*Zhong gong*,” “*Huazang gong*,” “*San san jiu cheng yuan gong*,” “Reaching-space-spirit gong” (*yu zhou tong ling gong*), which are suspected of breaking the law and committing crimes. They also found out which channels these organizations have utilized to infiltrate into our province, their key members, their organizational systems, the number of their practitioners and the areas these members reside and their activities. They have fully obtained the criminal evidences of those organizations in our province, including their sending out inciting leaflets, evading tax payment, operating illegal business, unlawfully collecting money, and swindling money and property with feudalism and superstition. They have dealt with and punished through the law those organizations that have affected our province. Their organizational systems in our province have been destroyed, and the top key member of “*Xiang Gong*,” Cheng Zhenping, who was under an arrest warrant from the Ministry of Public Security, and the top key members of “*Zhong gong*,” Sun Haixin and Hu Wanping, were taken into custody. (The Ministry of Public Security made a specific comment on the arrest of Cheng Zhenping and proposed to give merit to the team handling this case – *zhuan an zuo*). The public security bodies have also obtained many kinds of illegal publications, video- and audio- tapes weighing over 100 tons. They have confiscated over 470,000 yuan which had been unlawfully collected and returned it to those who lost their money. The whole process of investigation and dealing with [these *qi gong* organizations] has been carried out steadily, which was fully recognized by the Ministry of Public Security. According to the written instruction by Tian Qiyu, the vice minister of the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Public Security advocated our methods and experiences throughout the nation.

**(2) Tightening the control of the “*liang fei*” (means two kinds of illegal activities indicated below –editor’s note) elements and strictly preventing and**

**striking by law any penetrating and sabotage activity brought about by the antagonistic powers from both inside and outside of the province**

In 2000, the situation concerning the hostile forces in our province was very complicated. Incited by the propaganda of the hostile organizations of both inland and abroad, some illegal activities of “organizing (means political -editor’s note)parties” within the province became more vigorous. Some of the former ringleaders, who had been punished by deprivation of their political rights or educated through forced labor and were set free upon the termination of their punishment, conspired more actively with the hostile organizations or elements in and out of the province or abroad. In the light of the situation mentioned above, as well as regarding some important political events, such as the two national meetings (“*liang hui*”), the general election in Taiwan, the international convention on human rights, and sensitive periods like “June 4<sup>th</sup>,” as well as holidays like National Day (October 1<sup>st</sup>), all levels of public security authorities in the entire province focused on reconnaissance and control of specific cases and set up a tight supervisory network. They implemented systems in management and the taking of responsibility at different levels, ensured that the key members were under control, and dealt in a timely fashion with some key members attempting to illegally contact the members in other areas and to have illegal gatherings. They discovered and prohibited in advance the schemes of some key members who had tried to flee the country, to instigate problems, and to gain (here it seems there is a typing mistake. it should be ZHIZAO, meaning to create or gain instead of ZHIZHI, meaning to stop- editor’s note) political influence. In dealing with the apparent activities of “organizing parties” by some antagonistic elements both in and out of the province, the public security bodies conducted multi-level and multi-direction control, and based on comprehensive evidence of activities [of these organizations], decisively attacked them through the law, and thus limited their activities to contact with members outside of the province and publishing their declarations overseas, but they were unable to become more influential or form into an organization or grow into power. Neither did they bring about immense harm to the social and political stability in our province.

The public security bodies in every area have issued timely warnings, obtained evidence and started reconnaissance and investigation into tracking down all kinds of cases, which were instigating problems in the society. That has effectively maintained social and political stability.

**(3) Forcefully investigating and banning cults and reinforcing reconnaissance and defense in regard to religions**

In the light of the evidence that a few cult organizations had resumed their activities, the public security bodies in the entire province promptly gathered forces to attack and banish the cult organizations through the law in a method of discovering a case [of a cult], banishing it and purifying the area it has affected. After investigation and reconnaissance of the cult organizations, i.e. “Mainland China Administrative Executive Station” (*zhong hua da lu xing zheng zhi shi zhan*), “Evangelical Gospel Mission Armored with Blood and Holy Spirit” (*xue shui sheng ling quan bei fu yin bu dao tuan*), and “All Powerful God” (*quan neng shen*), the public security bodies thwarted the attempt of “Mainland China Administrative Executive Station” to distribute leaflets all over the country, successfully arrested Wan Renhong, the top key member of the cult “Evangelical Gospel Mission Armored with Blood and Holy Spirit,” who was under an arrest warrant issued by the Ministry of Public Security. This has effectively restrained the cults from developing and widely spreading in our province.

As China and the Vatican discussed establishing diplomatic relations, the public security bodies in the entire province, together with the United Front (*tong zhan*) and religion department, began to search, educate, convert, reconnoiter and control some key members of the underground Catholics. They discovered the whereabouts of some important individuals and found out the movement of the key members of the underground Catholics. With regard to the “canonization” on October 1 by the Vatican authority in Rome, the public security bodies in each area took an initial step and began to tighten the security and control in advance, successfully preventing illegal activities that might have been triggered by the event and protecting social stability during this sensitive period. They also investigated and

dealt with all kinds of illegal activities that had been conducted under the name of religions, confiscated a large volume of illegal religious propaganda materials, and punished those who had been involved in these activities. In this way, they prevented the wide spreading of illegal propaganda materials. We should vigorously resist any religious infiltration from abroad and conduct reconnaissance and investigation on those who came to China to perpetrate illegal religious activities. We need to obtain evidence [of their illegal activities] quickly and punish them through the law.

**(4) Focusing on intelligence and promoting domestic security and defense work at the basic level**

The public security bodies in our province have focused on intelligence for maintaining stability. Considering different priorities at various times, they decided to emphasize gathering information. Focusing on some obvious issues endangering the [social and political] stability, some sensitive parts (*min gan bu wei*) and important individuals, they made full use of secret agents as their major intelligence channels and obtained some informative and forewarning information at high levels. This kind of information provided a crucial basis for the leaders to make precise decisions to properly handle the situation and prevent damage. For example, the Bengbu public security bureau and first bureau of the provincial department obtained in advance some information that a suspect who was under investigation had plotted to go abroad illegally. After obtaining all the information, they employed all kinds of strategies and made the best use of reconnaissance mediums and successfully stopped him from leaving the country illegally and thus defeated his conspiracy to join an antagonistic organization abroad to continue his activities that would be harmful to the safety of our country. This success was fully recognized and praised by the provincial Party Committee, the provincial government and the Ministry of Public Security. Mr. Tian, Qiyu, deputy minister of the Ministry of Public Security instructed: “The control work on the key members conducted by the Anhui Public Security Department is worthy of being noted and praised for others to follow in future work.” In order to truly improve the quality and degree of intelligence, all levels of public security authorities have steadily promoted the building of secret forces in regard to the current situation. They made both medium- and long-range

plans along with yearly proposals to build secret forces for domestic security and defense. They reinforced their inspection, guidance and supervision, and implemented methods to check on the fulfillment of each project, which strongly promoted the implementation of building intelligence. The provincial department revised “Regulations for the Public Security Authorities of Intelligence of Domestic Security in Anhui Province” and “Evaluation Methods on Intelligence” in order to make intelligence work more standardized and systematic. These revised regulations and methods clarified the methods in collecting and handling information as well as evaluation and reward, which provided rules and regulations to follow in intelligence work.

In order to carry out the objectives of “the Decision on reinforcing the construction of the three basic stations” by the Party Committee of the department, as well as to promote and extend the essential work of the police stations in domestic security and defense, the Party Committee of the department held a seminar on domestic security and defense for the police stations in the province. The attendants of the seminar worked together and constructed wonderful strategies for the police stations in domestic security and defense, which have laid a solid foundation for completely promoting the development of essential work for the police stations in domestic security and defense. The provincial department has formulated “Basic work for Anhui police stations on domestic security and defense and the evaluation methods” in order to promote the work of domestic security and defense carried out at the basic level, in a police station or by a policeman in charge of an allocated area. Every area has focused on making sure that every rule and regulation is followed and achieves the desired results. At the moment, an effective working system has been formed in the entire province, which is “the head of local police station (*pai chu suo*) is in full charge, the head of sub-local police station (*fen kuan suo*) carries out specific tasks, the police take charge of their allocated areas, and the departments responsible for domestic security and defense provides supervision.” The application of the new working systems has guaranteed that the basic work of domestic security and defense will be carried out by the police stations, and thus the important role and function of the



police stations in maintaining social and political stability has been fully demonstrated.

**(5) Paying close attention to the social tendency on economic and cultural realms and properly handling some troublesome symptoms and mass events**

Under the leadership of the provincial Party Committee and the government, all the public security bodies, while actively working together with the related departments, have started serious investigations into any unstable factors (*bu an ding yin su*) which may affect social and political stability. By means of reinforcing reconnaissance through secret agents, controlling local areas, and in conducting research at the basic levels, they have in advance discovered and obtained information of all kinds of unstable factors in business enterprises, in work units and in the fields of social science and culture. They also found evidence about some antagonistic elements who had attempted to get involved. They have fulfilled their job function in providing a timely warning by promptly reporting all they had found to the provincial Party Committee, the government and the public security bodies at higher levels. At the same time, they took an active part in mitigating the effects of some events. Whenever a mass event occurred, they reacted fast and decisively but properly handled the event with the cooperation of the other related departments, and thus reduced the effects and damage those events brought to society. At the end of June, several hundred students from the School of Economics at China Science and Technology University were upset upon graduation with their diplomas and went to the main campus to protest and had a sit-in demonstration. They had clashes with other students residing there who were agitated with their actions. This event attracted the keen attention of the provincial Party committee, the provincial government and the Ministry of Public Security. The public security authorities of the province and of the city, the department of domestic security and defense, and department of economic and cultural defense, together with the university, dealt with the event promptly. Due to the proper measures being applied, this stirring event was basically limited to the campus and therefore did not bring more damage to the society.

While recognizing these achievements, we should also clearly understand that there are still many aspects in domestic security and defense that need improving and reinforcing immediately because they are not up to the requirements for maintaining social and political stability in this new era. First, the aspect of reconnaissance and intelligence is still very weak, and the building up the secret forces and of the front lines have not been done on a deeper and wider basis as needed. The forewarning system has not been established yet, and there is an urgent need for improving the capability of discovering and controlling incidents and the potentiality of investigating a particular event and handling tough cases. Secondly, the fundamental work of domestic security and defense at the basic level is rather weak, and development in different areas is not in balance. Police stations have not fully developed their basic work in domestic security and defense, and the bodies of domestic security and defense at the county level do not possess a real fighting ability, which has inhibited the work of domestic security and defense from further development. Thirdly, the best modern technology has not been applied in domestic security and defense. The slow development in science and technology has had a negative effect on the improvement of efficiency and has prevented the entire entity from functioning at its full potential. Fourthly, the personnel qualifications in domestic security and defense and their fighting ability do not meet the new task requirements in the new era. The shortage of policemen, funds, equipment, etc. has hindered the effective execution of domestic security and defense bodies.

## **II. The current and future situation we face in maintaining social and political stability**

### **(1) The hostile forces both inside and outside of the province as well as that of the country joined together and vigorously perpetuated infiltration and sabotage to our country in an attempt to start a new attack on us**

The hostile Western powers headed by the USA have hastened to carry on their strategies of “westernizing” (*xi hua*), “segregating” (*fen hua*), and “impairing” (*ruo hua*) our country. They have gathered anti-China and ant-Communist forces and have striven to build up a power domain all around our country in an attempt to form

an “Asian and Pacific group security system” (*ya tai ji ti an quan ti xi*) led by the USA so as to tie us up. The hostile organizations both in our country and abroad have shifted their focus to the inside of our country and have hastened their infiltration through various methods, such as via foundations or academic delegations, and all kinds of media. The hostile elements in our province have been busy plotting various schemes and perpetuating damaging activities. The first type of individuals are those “elements in the democratic movement” (*min yun fen zi*) who were punished but still hold animosity [towards our government]. They have been re-attempting to set up the banner of the “Democratic Party of China” and to gather forces to fight us. The second type are the hostile elements in our province who frequently conspired with each other, keeping watch on the situation and discussing strategies for the “democratic movement.” The third group are those who have perpetrated illegal activities to build up influence and have assailed our Party and the government during sensitive periods and on holidays or when some important political events were taking place. The fourth type are those who are “supporting political activities with business” (*yi shang yang zheng*). They have tried all means to increase their strength and attempted to gradually become more powerful (*zuo da cheng huan*). The hostile elements in our province may increase their illegal activities as we are joining the WTO, and further opening up and the antagonistic powers abroad would provide more support and give more money to the key members of the “democratic movement.” All kinds of reactionary political powers, due to their reactionary nature, will tend to join together and may bring more harm to the social and political stability.

**(2) The illegal activities of “Falungong” and other cult organizations have gravely damaged social stability**

With the intervention and support from the USA and Taiwan, the cult organization “Falungong” has speeded up its collusion with the antagonistic powers and openly defies our government. It has become a political tool used by the antagonistic powers. The “Falungong” members in our province are constantly making trouble and have perpetuated all kinds of illegal activities as they are incited by Li Hongzhi, influenced by the propaganda of the “Falungong” center organization

abroad, and encouraged by communicating with the die-hard members of “Falungong” both inside and outside of the country. Some of them have kept going to Beijing to stir up trouble; some have shifted their ways and fabricated public opinions to attack the Party and the government, claiming that the cult organization “Falungong” was unjustly persecuted; others gathered together openly or secretly to begin their [“Falungong”] practice. Some of the station leaders have also created disturbances by resuming their activities. In the coming period, a few die-hard “Falungong” members and station leaders will keep following Li Hongzhi’s instruction and continue to secretly direct or instigate the people who practice “Falungong” to conduct all kind of illegal activities, including committing suicide, burning themselves, threatening and killing policemen and other violent and damaging activities to create influence and put pressure on the government. Therefore, the struggle against “Falungong” is long and complicated because the situation is still critical and the tasks are arduous.

Some of the cult organizations came back from the ashes (*si hui fu ran*) and resumed their activities. Though having been banned by the public security bodies in the past few years, some cults, like “Mainland China Administrative Executive Station” (*zhong hua da lu xing zheng zhi shi zhan*), the “Disciples” (*men tu hui*), “All Powerful God” (*quan neng shen*), “Total Scope Church” (*quan fan wei jiao hui*), and “the Shouters” (*hu han pai*) etc., have not stopped their illegal activities. Their key members have either altered their techniques or divided into small groups but are still busy clandestinely making connections. They actively conducted large-scale so-called “training sessions” and frequently held “communication” meetings (*jiao tong hui*) attempting to regroup the old members and waiting for the right time to carry out their plots. Some cult organizations attempt to infiltrate our party and government organizations to seek protection and to start businesses for the purpose of “supporting churches with business” (*yi shang yang jiao*). Those tendencies mentioned above really deserve our close attention.

Some harmful *qigong* organizations continue to switch their methods, seeking areas where it will survive and develop. Some key members of “*Zhong gong*” in our province have contacted each other secretly and attempted to start their activities

again. Once Zhang Hongbao is released from prison, the key members and other members of “*Zhong gong*” will upgrade their activity levels with his instruction.

**(3) Apparent infiltration of religious organizations from abroad and illegal activities under the name of religion**

Religious organizations abroad, such as Catholic, Protestant and Muslim organizations, and their members have frequently come to our province under the name of visiting families and friends or sightseeing, to perpetuate infiltration. First, they organized secret meetings to conduct illegal religious activities. Secondly, they contacted our people in the religious service in secret to deliver the decrees of the churches abroad and to collect extensive information about our churches. Thirdly, they used money as lures to win favor, intervened with our internal religious affairs and conducted infiltrating activities. All these activities have posed a potential threat to the stability of our province.

After its effort of canonization was rejected by our government, the Vatican is still waiting for any opportunity to intervene with the internal affairs of the Catholic churches in our country. They will draw the patriotic religious believers up to them and incite them to rebel. They will also provide support to the underground Catholics to sabotage the stability in the Catholic churches [registered with the government]. Under their influence, the key members of the underground Catholic churches may speed up their connection and resume their activities. Some illegal activities under the cover of religion have occurred repeatedly, such as holding training classes and printing and distributing large volumes of illegal religious propaganda materials, which requires our high attention.

**(4) The influence and impact on the social stability from mass events prompted by some internal contradictions among the people (*ren min nei bu mao dun*) is becoming more serious, and high attention should be paid to the intervention of the antagonistic elements who were taking advantage of mass event**

Since last year, there have been an increasing number of all kinds of mass events, which are large scale, more intense and more damaging to the society. Some

areas witnessed frequent blocking of roads or railways, illegal demonstrations and even surrounding and attacking the party and government offices. There are some very serious cases when some crowds even battered people, smashed and robbed stores and surrounded and beat the party and government cadres and the policemen on duty. Some mass events appeared to be organized and had chain effects, which made it difficult to handle the incidents. In the near future, with the further development of reforming and door-opening, strategic adjustment to the economic structures, speeding up construction in cities and towns and joining the WTO may all bring more impact, which inevitably incites new controversies and problems. The number of all kinds of mass events may keep growing. What needs more attention is that the antagonistic elements both inside and outside the province try to take advantage of these types of events to stir up trouble, plot and organize “workers movements,” “peasants movements” and “students movements” to fabricate social influence and turmoil.

### **III. Enforcing [security] functions and giving all efforts in carrying out every job in maintaining social and political stability**

The year 2001 is the beginning of a new century and the first year to fulfill the “fifteen-year” plans and to realize the third step of the strategic purpose in the construction of socialist modernization. With the acceleration of the process of our joining the WTO and the complete embarkment on the strategies to develop the West, the scope of maintaining the social and political stability and the domestic security and defense will increase, the situation will be more complicated and the tasks will be more arduous. Therefore, all the public security authorities throughout the province should be guided with the important thoughts of “Three Representations”(refers “the CCP represents the most advanced productive force, the most advanced culture and the most fundamental interest of the Chinese people” –editor’s note) by General Secretary Jiang Ze-min and the objectives of the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the fifth Party plenary meeting. Further carry out and implement “the decision of enforcing the work of domestic security and defense” issued by the Party Committee of the Ministry of Public Security and “the Suggestions for implementing the decision of the Party

Committee of the Ministry of Public Security on enforcing the work of domestic security and defense” issued by the Party Committee of the provincial department of public security. Follow the requirements and dispositions from the provincial meeting on public security and the national meeting for the directors of departments (and of bureaus and of general corps – *ju, zong dui*) on domestic security and defense and fully execute their functions. Intensify every assignment and further improve the work quality and standard in maintaining social and political stability to make a new contribution to the security of our country and the maintaining of social and political stability.

**(1) Intensifying the battle against “Falungong” and firmly striking and effectively restraining the illegal and criminal activities of “Falungong”**

The public security authorities at every level should put the reconnaissance and investigation of “Falungong” as their first task in the struggle against it. Keep focusing on investigating “Falungong” as a special case. Discover the inner stories of their illegal activities, unveil those who are plotting, organizing and directing behind the scenes. Be determined to destroy these organizations’ directing systems in local areas or those formed by groups. Fortify the strength of special case groups and intensify the reconnaissance and investigation of the special cases. To those die-hard “Falungong” members who went to Beijing to stir troubles during the Spring Festival this year, the public security authorities in each area should organize personnel to start investigating each one of them and finding out where they are from and where they will go. Regularly examine and analyze all of the case evidence, scrutinize the clues and find out the connections within them. Make the key members your priority; dig deep and check on them extensively. In regard to the specific cases identified by the provincial department or bureau, or by the local public security authorities, use all sources within a limited time to finalize the cases. Make sure to pursue those at large who are on the lists with arrest warrants from the Ministry of Public Security and of the department of the province. Try to take them into custody promptly so as to restrain their activities and reduce damage to the society. Be sure to intensify controlling and preventing the important individuals, especially the professional and die-hard “Falungong” members. Pay attention to the movement of those important

“Falungong” members who have not caught our attention before. Screen every one of them who has plotted and organized illegal activities of “Falungong” in the shadows, i.e. the station leaders, the professional “Falungong” members and those members who are able to get onto the Internet. Find out the details about them and tighten control on them. Make sure to keep them to their local areas and prevent them from connecting and gathering, or going to Beijing to stir trouble. Put them into classes by force and use forceful methods if necessary. Firmly restrain any tendency for a “rebound” (*fan tan*) of illegal activities. Amplify and complete the prevention work in dealing with expected trouble-making mass events by the “Falungong” members. Differentiate various situations and devise relevant measures and countermeasures. Be sure to promptly and effectively handle any kind of riots to maintain the social stability. Intensify the judicial power and inflict severe legal punishment by law on all those plotting in the shadows, the professional “Falungong” members and the key members in the old “Falungong” practice or instruction stations who perpetuate new illegal and criminal activities. Enhance the consciousness of law and evidence and intensify the investigation and interrogation. Detect the illegal and criminal activities of the “Falungong” members, obtain the evidence, and severely punish them by law and terrify those who perpetuated illegal and criminal activities.

**(2) Intensify the reconnaissance and control of the important individuals and harshly attack their ongoing sabotage activities**

The public security authorities in every area should further reinforce their study and examination of all situations of animosity as well as the characters, routines and activities of hostile elements. They should actively develop their work based on the principles of “keeping high vigilance, maintaining pressure, focusing on prevention and reducing damage.” Take the “Temporary methods in management control and surveillance on ‘six kinds of persons’” as the crux of the matter and reinforce control on the important individuals. Unyieldingly implement the systems of various responsibilities in management at different levels and identify the specific measurements and responsibilities of a job. Make full use of the advantage of the secret medium, such as reconnaissance performed by secret agents. At the same time publicly apply management medium, and thus combine the medium of both secret



and public. Get ahold of accurate information on the activities perpetuated by the antagonistic elements and promptly stop their illegal connection, instigation and assembling. Promptly prevent these elements from intervening in some hot social issues (*she hui re dian wen ti*) and making up incidents to conduct their plots, as well as damaging activities during some sensitive periods, on holidays or at the time when an important political event takes place. The public security authorities should further reinforce the reconnaissance and investigation of special cases and rapidly investigate and promptly finalize more serious and harmful cases. Deal with the small number of the leading key members in a timely fashion to prevent them from forming into a center or a group to become more influential. As for those activities of an “organizing a party” under various names with all kinds of means, discover them quickly, strike them when they appear and decisively punish them by law so as to destroy them in the cradle without giving them a chance to form into a powerful force and cause more damage. Reinforce intelligence and handling of the attempt by the hostile elements abroad to “charging through the pass” (*chuang guan* refers to sneak through the customs –editor’s note); keep high vigilance on those plotting violent and terrorist activities. Keep tight surveillance and make discreet plans to relentlessly smash their evil attempts. Try to discover in advance any financial assistance from abroad or any connection in and out of the province so as to effectively control, prohibit and cut off related channels. For those who opened up enterprises (*kuai ban shi ti*) for the purpose of “supporting the politics with business” (*yi shang yang zheng*), improve investigative capabilities and intensify the control and handling of power to prevent them from spreading and becoming an economic strength or a political power to openly defy us. Reinforce the reconnaissance and surveillance on animosity in the realm of ideology and absolutely prevent any antagonistic power and/or individuals from perpetuating infiltration through academic or cultural exchange, or under the name of a foundation. At present, we need to intensify in particular the battle on the internet and conquer the internet battlefields and increase the potentiality of investigation and reconnaissance. We should firmly assault the activities involving making, duplicating and spreading the damaging political information, and try our best to get the upper hand in the battle on the internet.

As for all sorts of incitement cases, we should gather forces to reconnoiter and discover them energetically and promptly. We should also intensify the work of patrolling and keeping on guard in some crucial areas and places as well as the public arena and try to catch the individuals who are still active (*xian xing zuo an ren yuan*) and diminish their impact in a timely fashion.

**(3) Investigating and punishing by the law the cults and their illegal activities under the name of religion to secure stability in religious realm**

All public security authorities in every area should further fortify and intensify the work of investigation and banishment of the cult organizations. Reinforce the work on reconnoitering, controlling and striking all kinds of cult organizations and their secret gatherings. Inflict severe legal punishments on those leading key members who have plotted and organized illegal activities. As for the cult organization “Mainland China Administrative Executive Station” (*zhong hua da lu xing zheng zhi shi zhan*), the public security authorities should intensify their reconnaissance and investigations and try to take Teng Binglian and other key members into custody as quickly as possible and destroy its central organization at the proper time. We should vigorously intensify the reconnaissance and investigation on the special case, “Real God” (*shi ji shen*), discover its organizational systems in our province, obtain information on its leading key members, and completely ban the cult organization through the law. We should also make sure to implement control of the cult key members who have been punished by us to prevent them from changing their identities and setting up new activity centers for cult organizations. We need to consolidate and intensify the work of investigation and banishment on the harmful *qigong* organizations, and actively prevent and punish through the law the riots or various activities organized by “*Zhong gong*,” “*Huazang gong*,” “*Xiang gong*” and other harmful *qigong* organizations, which should not be allowed to become powerful or influential. We should reinforce the effectiveness of controlling the front and implement reconnaissance measures on each and every important individual, keeping close surveillance on them. We should inflict relentless attacks on all sabotaging activities perpetuated by the key and die-hard members of “*Zhong gong*,” “*Huazang*

*gong*,” “*Xiang gong*” and other harmful *qigong* organizations. We also need to conduct the careful and intensive work of returning the money which has been illegally collected by “*Huazang gong*,” so as to make sure that the people’s welfare is unharmed and the social stability is maintained.

We need to implement more measures of reconnaissance in the religious area, resist any infiltration from religious organizations abroad, and prohibit and ban through the law any illegal activity in this area. We will further intensify our special work on the Catholics and detect and promptly obtain information on the infiltration and sabotaging activities perpetuated by the Vatican and the antagonistic Catholic forces abroad. We will resist and eliminate the negative influence brought by the Vatican’s “granting saints.” We should reinforce the investigation and reconnaissance of the key members of the underground Catholic churches and others who have close connections with the Vatican, and prevent them from getting in touch with outside forces and becoming more influential and harmful. We need to actively cooperate with the departments of the bureaus of religious affairs and of the united front (*zong jiao tong zhan bu men*) and continue educating and converting the underground bishops and priests in order to crush the underground forces and grasp the church authority.

**(4) Keeping close surveillance over the enemy’s movements and political and social tendencies, and actively preventing mass events and handling them in a proper way**

All public security authorities in all areas need to integrate their daily work and utilize all channels and means to detect and obtain news and information which may affect the social stability, and then forewarn by reporting to the provincial Party Committee and government. The public security authorities, together with other related departments or bureaus, should constantly conduct investigations and eliminate controversial issues among the people. We should carry out a specific investigations and eliminate those problems that are obviously more consequential, and with which the people are very concerned. We also need to pay close attention to those issues that may have obvious effects on social stability, such as finance, state-owned business companies which have gone through reform, deficit or bankruptcy,

and those companies that may experience a huge impact from our joining the WTO. We should work together with other related offices to dissolve, control and handle any symptom and tendency that may affect social stability and try to prevent and prohibit some mass events from happening. In regard to the mass events that have already taken place, we should follow the guidelines, principles, and regulations issued by both the Ministry of Public Security and the provincial department of the Public Security on how to handle mass events and implement measures according to these events and deal with them in a proper way. Make new working proposals and complete the old ones about dealing with various kinds of mass events at different levels. Enhance tactics in handling events and intensify strategy research. Reinforce the practice for actual combat in order to increase the effectiveness of controlling power over mass events. We should keep strict surveillance on the antagonistic forces and individuals who, by taking advantage of internal contradictions (*ren min nei bu mao dun*), may attempt to intervene in the affairs of business companies or schools by instigating and coercing the mass to plot “workers movements,” “peasants movements” and “students movements.” With regard to those antagonistic elements who have become involved in mass events, the backstage plotters of disturbance, and also those criminals who have beaten people, smashed, looted and burned properties, we should collect evidence about their activities in time, verify the evidence and severely punish them through the law.

#### **IV Some essential issues on attaching great importance to and reinforcing the fundamental work concerning domestic security and defense**

##### **(1) Completely carrying on the fundamental work in domestic security and defense at the basic level and emphasizing the construction of domestic security and defense authorities**

The fundamental work of domestic security and defense at the basic level is an important part of the essential work for public security and the cornerstone of all the work in domestic security and defense. The strength of the fundamental work at the basic level will affect or restrain the fighting capacity from functioning at its full potential, and is also related to whether or not the domestic security and defense

continues to develop, which has been proven by experience through many years of struggle. Every public security authority at all levels should further implement the objectivities of the “Yangzhou Meeting” and intensively promote the work of domestic security and defense at the level of local police stations (*pai chu suo*). According to the general requirements made by the provincial department on the fundamental work of domestic security and defense at the basic level, the public security and defense authorities, with consideration to the situation in each local area, should set up clear goals with specific requirements in making long term plans for this type of work, and gradually implement them in a systematic way and at various stages. We need to continue our focus in setting up rules and regulations, establishing and perfecting the working systems of security and defense, responsibility, evaluation and other systems in the police stations. At the proper time, we need to emphasize the professional training of policemen from the local police stations (*pai chu suo min jing*) on the work of domestic security and defense and increase their professional skills and abilities. The provincial department will inspect the implementation of fundamental work at the basic level in order to promote further development of fundamental work of security and defense in the local police stations in the entire province.

Every county bureau of domestic security and defense stands on the front line in conducting covert battles by the public security authorities and maintaining the social and political stability. They are undertaking the fundamental and initial work in maintaining social and political stability and domestic security. We must greatly reinforce the construction of domestic security bodies and defense at the county level in order to bring into full play the function and advantage of basic public security authorities in maintaining social and political stability, in order to improve their potentiality in detection, prevention and control. In this way we can solidify the foundations, gain the initiative and enhance the logistics. We need to further identify the job responsibilities of the domestic security and defense authorities at the county level, clarify the goals and requirements, and explain the criteria of construction and evaluation so as to make the county security and defense authorities the sensitive intelligence antenna, the main pillar of the basic fundamental work, and the leading

force in controlling and handling cases at an early stage. We should gradually construct and perfect the fundamental working systems in domestic security and defense at the basic level, which are guided by the domestic security and defense authorities at the county level and supported by the fundamental work of the local police stations as they promote each other and develop together. This will surely implement every measure of work in maintaining social and political stability and domestic security. All public security authorities should follow the construction criteria issued by the provincial government for the domestic security and defense authorities at the county level, focus on building up good construction at different times and stages and try to achieve all the goals within five years. We also need to complete and fortify the domestic security and defense authorities at the county level to fortify these forces. In order to provide an effective guarantee that the work of the domestic security and defense authorities will be carried out, we need to make sure we will increase support for the work of domestic security and defense at the county level and change the present situation in which the technological equipment in the basic domestic security and defense authorities is out of date and their funds are gravely lacking.

We also need to emphasize the construction of domestic security and defense authorities at city level. Following the concept of “fortifying the army, improving the quality, upgrading safeguards, and intensifying practice,” we should try to get attention and support from all aspects and, with consistent efforts, further improve the capability of conquering the obstruction and overcoming the obstacles (*gong jian ke nan*) of the city domestic security and defense authorities and enhance their power in actual combat.

**(2) Building up mobile reconnaissance teams (*ji dong zhen cha dui*) of domestic security and defense and increasing their capability of quick counteraction and fighting ability in practical combat**

It was an important decision of the Party Committee of the Ministry of Public Security to build up mobile reconnaissance teams according to the development requirement for the situation in covert struggles in the new period in order to improve the combat effectiveness of domestic security and defense authorities. Reinforcing

mobile reconnaissance is a direct and effective measure to improve the combat effectiveness of the domestic security and defense authorities in the present situation when the police force is not strong enough, their equipment is rather out of date and their fighting ability in practical combat is still inefficient. Functioning as a special force, a mobile reconnaissance team established for both peace and wartime can be brought into action at any time for a special occasion or when an important incident happens or a sudden event occurs, so as to guarantee that normal life and business as well as the basic fundamental construction [for public security and defense] will not be affected or attacked.

The Party Committee of the provincial department [of public security] takes the building of mobile reconnaissance teams very seriously and has held a special meeting to discuss the matter. Based on the general requirements of the Ministry of Public Security for establishing mobile reconnaissance teams for domestic security and defense, this committee has formulated “Plans for establishing mobile reconnaissance teams of the public security authorities for domestic security and defense in Anhui province.” In this document, distinct requirements were laid out for various aspects, such as the scope and focus of building up a mobile reconnaissance team, its nature and tasks, its organizational structure, its service formation, its establishment along with its equipment standard, its police force assurance, and the resource of its personnel and its selection methods. This document from the meeting has been approved after consultation and was officially issued for carrying out those requirements. However, I’m going to emphasize a few points here:

First, a mobile reconnaissance team of domestic security and defense has its own specific job. Its main task is to take certain cases or specific work handed down from higher authorities and to obtain evidence on the spot when a serious and sudden incident occurs. Although it has a certain connection with other offices of the domestic security and defense authorities, it has its own duties and focus. Thus a mobile reconnaissance cannot replace other offices for their daily work.

Secondly, a mobile reconnaissance team is a unit whose duty is to carry out reconnaissance business, but it is not a technological one. It mainly takes on reconnaissance tasks with modern technologies to obtain evidence at locations and

conduct surveillance and control [on suspects]. So it is not a technical means of reconnaissance and therefore cannot replace the work of technical reconnaissance offices.

Thirdly, it is not to reduce the county's work of domestic security and defense to establish a mobile reconnaissance team. On the contrary, it will enforce the work of reinforcement better. From now on, a serious reconnaissance case from a county bureau of domestic security and defense should be taken by the mobile reconnaissance team under the guidance of the department of domestic security and defense at city level. Meanwhile, a mobile reconnaissance team can assist county domestic security and defense authorities to conduct reconnaissance and control as well as basic investigation. That will ameliorate the standard to a certain extent, for the lack of forces of domestic security and defense at the county level. The county bodies of domestic security and defense should focus on the fundamental work, secret force building, front maintaining and the surveillance on some important individuals. They should take responsibility in reconnaissance of ordinary cases and cooperate with others and actively participate in reconnaissance of important cases.

The leaders of every area needs to put the building of mobile reconnaissance teams at the top of their agenda and take it seriously. They should quickly form a special group under the supervision of the chief leaders of the public security and gather special personnel to discuss and make specific plans on setting up mobile reconnaissance teams with careful investigation and examination. Then they need to report their plans to the provincial department without delay and implement them upon approval of the Ministry of Public Security. In the year 2001, the provincial department and Hefei city must complete building up mobile reconnaissance teams. For those cities that have complicated situations of animosities and considerable tasks in maintaining social and political stability, they should try to build the mobile reconnaissance teams within this year. The other cities should also grasp this opportunity, overcome difficulties, actively create conditions, fulfil and reinforce the mobile fighting capability in domestic security and defense and be sure to have each requirement implemented within the next three years. There is something that needs to be clarified about the designated positions (*bian zhi* – which includes position



titles, number of people allowed, their responsibility and salary, etc. – translator) and money in building up mobile reconnaissance team. The provincial department will distribute the designated positions granted to our province for domestic security and defense during the “ninth five-year plan” period (*jiu wu qi jian*). We will provide a little more help according to those cities that set up mobile reconnaissance teams first. Each area needs to find its own ways to take up the slack in the designated positions. The provincial department will conduct inspections on the utilization of these positions to make sure that they are used for what they are designated. As for the supplemental money for building the mobile reconnaissance teams, the financial departments of both province and of cities will manage to provide it. The provincial department will actively seek specific funds, which will be used to supplement the special cost of covert struggles to build up mobile reconnaissance teams in key areas.

**(3) Centered on secret force construction and greatly reinforcing intelligence information**

Secret forces are the heart and soul in covert struggles and the crucial magic weapon in our battle against and victory over the enemy. The level of secret forces construction decides the quality of the intelligence information and intensity and strength of reconnaissance. All public security authorities should solidly establish the thought of “focusing on present struggles while persevering in long-term struggles” and make sure that the construction of secret forces goes on as well. They should make overall plans and appropriately distribute forces and work, and eventually build up a system of secret forces with various forms at different levels, in which the secret agents are its main part, and friends, spies, informants and liaison personnel are the supporting part. We should actively build up secret forces, fill in the blanks to make the structure of secret forces more plausible and their qualities and function dramatically improved in regard to the following prominent individuals and organizations: important individuals, key objects, complicated areas and the front that needs controlling, etc. – especially the key and professional members of “Falungong,” the illegal organizations, the underground Catholics, cults; key members and important individuals from harmful *qigong* organizations, “joint ventures of three-part investments” (*san zi*) with complicated political backgrounds, private enterprises and

business companies, as well as the more prestigious and influential colleges and universities. The public security authorities of the province, cities and counties should find and train a group of “extraordinary” (*jian zi*) special spies who have wide range of detecting activities and can keep cool in any unexpected situation and who can also penetrate into the inner circle of the suspects or near them to reconnoiter, grasp and control the crucial front. We really need to reinforce the education and management of the secret forces, and diligently check and rectify the existing secret forces, and suspend and replace those who are not functioning well and punish those who disobey rules or laws in order to maintain the purity and fighting ability of the secret forces. We need to gradually start testing and training the secret agents and complete the awarding system and amply reward those agents who have played an important role and make remarkable contributions in their work. We need further clarify the work requirements for those reconnaissance personnel to build up secret forces and make it the basic qualification and necessary skill for the reconnaissance personnel to collect, manage, direct and use spies. We also need to combine the building of secret forces through the inspection of a policeman’s performance of his duty and responsibility, annual evaluation, political privilege (*zheng zhi dai yu*), financial reward, etc. Reward the excellent and diligent and penalize the incompetent and the dilatory in order to bring the motivation and initiative in obtaining information of the policemen into play, and thus to make constant break-through progress in building the secret forces.

We need to establish front organizations(*yan hu xing zhen di*) in some complicated areas and key positions based on the changeable battle situations and the need for domestic security and defense, and thus completely bring its all-embracing power to play in obtaining information, surveillance, investigation and seizing evidence for serving the covert struggle.

**(4) Reinforcing the construction of technology and further increasing the utilization of science and technology in the work of domestic security and defense**

Every public security authority, following the requirements concerning the standards for technology equipment in domestic security and defense issued by the Ministry of Public Security and the provincial department, should give more priority to “reinforcing the police with science and technology” (*ke ji qiang jing*) and enforce its realization by taking the implementation of the “Golden Shield Construction” (*jin dun gong cheng*) directed by the Ministry of Public Security as the crux of the matter. Focus on reinforcing the high technology construction in the work of reconnaissance and information for domestic security and defense. Arm the intelligence personnel with advanced equipment and gradually provide them with advanced technology equipment in surveillance, obtaining evidence on the spot, reconnaissance, examination and appraisal to guarantee the basic fighting ability of domestic security and defense authorities. During the “tenth five-year plan” period (*“shi wu” qi jian*), we need to establish three-level locations of intelligence technology in the domestic security and defense authorities in our province and provide services such as research, inquiry and a check of intelligence materials for all domestic security and defense authorities by handling, saving and transmitting intelligence information with modern technology. The cities that have not set up communication systems for security and defense should actively create conditions to start the systems and use them in the year 2001. We need to utilize the Internet for transmission, fast information passing and knowledge sharing in the intelligence of domestic security and defense based on the existing confidential transmitting systems for domestic security and defense and relying on the “Golden Shield Net” (*jin dun wang*). We should focus on building up data banks and further fulfil and complete the intelligence management systems on “Falungong” with its cult activities, a data bank on “321” and on religious organizations abroad that infiltrate(China), and bring the function of the systems to full display. We should set up intelligence and data portfolios in different categories on various targets, all sorts of organizations, key individuals, and crucial cases, which are discovered in the basic investigation or daily work, and constantly fulfil and complete these portfolios to make sure the data is accurate and updated.

**(5) Actively searching, practicing and enforcing the effectiveness of the work of domestic security and defense in the economic and cultural realm**

Maintaining the political stability in the realm of economy and culture is directly related to the economic development and social progress and associated with the stability of the country and the political situation. All public security authorities should fully recognize the strategic position of the economic and cultural realm in the covert struggle and its crucial function in maintaining the stability in all areas. In effect, enforce the guidance in domestic security and defense in this realm and set up forewarning systems to maintain political stability in the realm of economy and culture with a focus on the links of discovery, control and handling. Further define the distinctive working responsibilities in developing domestic security and defense in the realm of the economy and culture. Taking organizational reform as the crux of the matter and giving consideration to enforcing practical combat ability, we should refine the working systems and allocate the police force intelligently as needed in the struggles. Enforce the building up and active selection and set up of liaison offices and personnel, establish and complete every rule and regulation in the security organizations in the important areas, such as big or medium enterprises that are directly affecting national welfare and people's life (*guo ji min sheng*), very troubled business companies with obvious unstable components, "joint ventures of three-part investments" (*san zi*) with complicated backgrounds, colleges and universities, science and technology, publications, etc. Further reinforce guidance on the work of the security organizations in the internal working units in the realm of economy and culture. Intensify job training, constantly improve working skills, and promote the implementation of every measure of security and defense.

**(6) Focusing on training every policeman and greatly enforcing the construction of domestic security and defense troops**

All public security and defense authorities should carry out the objectives of the meetings of political work of both the central and the provincial party committees and steadily promote the construction of domestic security and defense troops by taking the development of the "Three-Emphasize" (Here it should refer to Jiang Zemin's Three-Emphasize education *san jiang jiao yu* instead of *san xiang jiao yu*

which simply was a typing mistake. Three-Emphasize education means all the CCP members should emphasize politics, professional studies and integrity) as the crux of the matter, carrying out and implementing the “twelve measures” (*shi er xiang cuo shi*) on the troop construction issued by the Ministry of Public Security and the “Regulations of internal affairs of the people’s police of public security” (*gong an ji guan ren min jing cha nei wu tiao ling*) and by focusing on the construction of ideology styles (*si xiang zuo feng*), of learning atmosphere (*xue feng*), as well as of the working styles. Try to produce a good style of accuracy, diligent thinking, practicality and hard work through developing active and various ideologies and political works. We should establish the competitive and motivating systems to ensure that the ideology and political work as well as all management measures are implemented at the basic level and in every policeman in order to reinforce the compression capability and the fighting power of the troops of domestic security and defense.

We should further reinforce job training for the troops of domestic security and defense and intensify the pertinence and practicality of the training. The provincial department will conduct training for all the security and defense policemen in the entire province in political theories, knowledge of laws, security and defense work, concepts of confidentiality and other related basic knowledge in a systematic way at different stages, and in three years have every policeman go through this kind of training. The number of policemen who have gone through such training should be one third of the total number of policemen in our province. Every public security body of each city and county should carry out the training very well at different levels based on their local situation. From now on, only the policemen of domestic security and defense who have gone through the training and passed the exams and must have a certificate before they take their positions. At the same time, every area should, according to the characteristics of different positions of security and defense as well as the requirements of certain tasks, develop professional training and improve technical skills in some important areas. With a various types of training, we should build the troops of domestic security and defense into a loyal, well-trained, professionally proficient, well-disciplined and tough army with a strong fighting

capability, which is under unified command, reacts fast in emergencies and has experienced all kinds of complicated struggles.

All public security bureaus, especially the comrades who work in the public security and defense authorities, should intensify their comprehensive, strategic, predictive and countermeasure studies on a new situation and new problems which affect social and political stability and domestic security in the new era. They should study and explore new ways of intensifying the implementation of the measures in domestic security and defense, promptly report the countermeasures and suggestions to the party committee, the government and the public security bureau at a higher level, maintain the initiative in domestic security and defense work and praise and reward in a timely fashion those who achieve advanced results in their research.

Comrades, we have already stepped into a new era. Let us take this meeting as the crux, unify our thoughts, get excited, strengthen our confidence, conduct solid work and make more and bigger contributions in maintaining the social and political stability in the entire province in the new era so that the party committee and the government can feel relieved and the people are satisfied.

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**Notice on Further Strengthening of the Investigation Work on the  
Cultic Organization “Almighty God”<sup>37</sup>**

To all the Bureaus of Public Security Bureau (PSB) of every cities of this province:

The organization so called “Almighty God” (*quan neng shen*) (also called “Practical God” – *shi ji shen*) was introduced in 1989 by Zhao Weishan, a native of Yongyuan township of Acheng City in Heilongjiang Province. It evolved from the “Shouters Sect” (*hu han pai*). Zhao has been at large since 1991 after an arrest warrant was issued for him. During the last six months of 1998, the PSB offices have found some traces of the cult’s movements in Chaohu, Hefei, Wuhu, Xuancheng, Xu Prefecture, Fuyang, and other places. In order to find out the channels through which this cult has come into our province and to understand the inner workings of this cult, the First Section of this Bureau sent out a special dispatch to all local PSB offices entitled “Notice on Expanding the Investigation on the cultic organization “All Powerful God” (Public Political Security Office (*Gong Zheng Bao*) [1998] #261), instructing all the local PSB offices of the entire province to pay special attention to the activities of this cult, “Almighty God,” and to begin serious investigation on it. Since then, more information has been collected from different places, especially by the Public Security authorities in Xu Prefecture,<sup>38</sup> which made full use of their secret agents in reconnoitering the cult and obtaining some

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<sup>37</sup> [An offshoot of the “Shouters” \(Witness Lee\), later evolved into a real group called “Oriental Lightening \(Dongfang shandian\).”](#)

<sup>38</sup> [Xu Xian is a prefectural \(county\) seat in northern Jiangsu Province, which is adjacent to Anhui Province.](#)

important information about it, namely, its “Plans for Development in 1999” as well as its proclamation that “there may be an armed revolt in October 1999.” On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the first bureau of the Ministry of Public Security issued a bulletin based on the information provided by the public security authorities of Jiangsu province. In this document, the first bureau confirmed the cult’s proclamation, such as, “On October 1999 we may take action” and other important information. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the First Section <sup>39</sup> of the Public Security Bureau [of Anhui] issued a notice called “A Report Regarding the ‘Practical God’ [group’s] Declaration on Creating Incident” <sup>40</sup> on the basis of information supplied by the Public Security of Jiangsu Province. That report confirmed that that cultic organization declared that “we will take action in October of 1999, and that we should expand our action. It should not be as simple as was done in 1995 simply by distributing pamphlets, but do something really [big].” Thus in order to intensify our work of investigation on the cult “Almighty God,” we must do the following as a notice:

1. All the Public Security authorities in every city and district should fully recognize the dangerous character of the cultic organizations from the perspective of maintaining social and political stability and consolidating the ruling authorities. The leading officers of the PSB should really take their political responsibility to maintain the political stability and really reinforce the investigation and termination of the cults. They should not be careless or lack vigilance.

2. All the Public Security authorities in every place should further increase the work of investigation on the basis of previous work. Under correct instructions and using current investigatory agent, you should carefully design your plans and widen your view of information channels. You should actively build up a secret force among the active key members [of the cult] and recruited from among them so as to infiltrate them in a natural manner and thereby develop investigation from deep within so as to obtain the information on “Almighty God” cult activities in the local areas.

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<sup>39</sup> [The first section of the Public Security Bureau is usually in charge of political matters. This implies that the Bureau’s treatment of religious matters is done as a political matter.](#)

<sup>40</sup> [The Chinese original “jushi” literally means “take action on some thing or engage in some events. However, it can also be interpreted as “taking up arms.” In this religious context, it probably means holding some kind of meeting.](#)



3. Following the principle that “those who are in charge should be held accountable,” all the public security authorities should pay full attention to the proclamation of the cult “Almighty God” about “starting an event in October of this year,” and quickly find out the inside story of the “event” that the cult is planning and organizing. Try to follow their direction closely, and once an attempt to start trouble is found, take decisive action and stop it at the very beginning to prevent further harm. We will not allow any incident like the 1995 distribution of pamphlets by the “Shouter sects” to happen again.

Report your work to the provincial Public Security Bureau without delay.

Seal: *the Office of the Public Security of Anhui Province*

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**Announcement From the First Division of the Shijiazhuang Public Security Bureau<sup>41</sup>: Forwarding a Speech Given by *Bi Rongsheng*, Deputy Director of Religion Section of Public Security Department of Hebei Province On the “807” Case Coordinating Meeting**

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*To all political defense sections of public security bureaus at municipal and county (or district) level:*

On September 14, 2000, the Religion Section of the Department of Provincial Public Security held a joint meeting on Case 807 involving “Real God”(refers to “*Eastern Lightning*” – *editor’s note*), a cult organization, at Ye Cheng for chief officers of domestic security and defense departments from nine cities and a number of key counties (townships). At the meeting, officers from different areas exchanged their information and deployment was made about the work at next stage. Bi Rongsheng, deputy director, delivered a speech at the meeting, which was printed out and handed out to you so that the spirit of his speech can be actualized in conjunction with the reality in individual area.

The First Division of Shijiazhuang Public Security Bureau  
October 9, 2001

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**The speech by Bi Rongsheng, deputy director  
On the “807” Case involving “Real God” Coordinating Meeting**

September 14, 2000

Comrades:

After we have been debriefed with the reports from the nine provinces and five key counties/cities, we have found some clues and obtained a lot of information

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<sup>41</sup> The first division of Public Security Bureau of each level is responsible for the domestic security involving the issues so-called “political protection”(Zheng Zhi Bao Wei) such as religion, political dissidents etc.

through our efforts in past period. Nevertheless, I've also realized that the cult, "Real God," is still quite active in our province. Recently, leaders from the central government, the provincial government and the Ministry of State Public Security attach great importance to the banning the cult "Real God", while having great concern for the handling and solving Fa Lun Gong. Comrade **Hu Jin-tao**<sup>42</sup>, *member of the Standing Committee of the Central Political Bureau and Vice-Chairman*, gave the instruction that "pertinent governmental departments should be watchful of its movement, and then deal with it according to law in a timely manner." Comrade **Luo Gan**, *member of the Central Politburo and secretary of the Central Political and Legal Commission* gave the following comments: "We have not learned much about this cult organization. According to Comrade Hu Jintao's instruction, relevant information needed to be provided by the local Public Security departments and bureaus about the cult before striking it down by law." On "The report on how to implement the spirit of the coordinating meeting on Case 807 held by the Ministry of State Public Security," Comrade Zhao Shiju, Deputy- -secretary of the provincial Party Committee, wrote his comment in the report, "I agree to the suggestion on the work at next stage. Manpower should be mobilized quickly to conduct investigation of the activities and spread of this cult in our province and gather intelligence in an effort to round up the whole gang at one strike. Make sure to **keep it in confidence, do your job without trumpeting**." Comrade **Jia Chunwang**, *the Minister of the Ministry of Public Security*, emphasized specifically that "**we need to work more, talk less to smash the cult quietly**" when talking about the strategies for banning the cult "Real God."

In order to actualize the spirit reflected in the instructions from the central government leaders, on August 7 of this year (2001)<sup>43</sup>, the First Bureau of the Ministry of Pubic Security held a joint meeting in Taian city, Shandong province for the chief officers of public security departments and bureaus and of the domestic security and defense departments from fourteen provinces and cities to discuss how to deal with the cult "Real God." Through comprehensive discussions, all participants agreed that "Real

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<sup>42</sup> Mr. Hu has been designated as the successor of President Jiang Zemin.

<sup>43</sup> This is why the case is coded as " Case 807".

God” is another evil force next to the cult Fa Lun Gong in terms of the extent of its spread and the dangers it has created to the society. The Ministry of Public Security identified “Real God” as “a cult with suspicious overseas connections<sup>44</sup> and glaring political color and purpose, which has a tightly organizational system and conducts activities in secrecy. This organization would do a great harm to society, considering that it spreads unusually fast as it possesses considerable financial support.” At present, the First Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security has categorized this case as a special case under code number “807” in order to advance investigation under unified command.

The meeting we are having today is to summarize the work experience at the previous stage and to convey and carry out the instructions from the leaders of the central government and of the Ministry of State Public Security as well as the objective of the Taian Meeting. We also are going to make deployment on surveillance and investigation on the cult “Real God.” Next, I’m going to talk about the origin of the cult “Real God,” its development, and the present situation concerning the banning of the cult. Later I’ll also talk about how to how to conduct investigation for this special case and the deployment for banning the cult at next stage.

#### **I. The basic information of the cult “Real God”**

The cult organization “Real God” (also called “All-Powerful God”, “East Lightning” was started up by Zhao Wei-shan, a core member of the “the Shouters Sect” in Heilongjiang province. He also built up an unlawful “Church of the Everlasting Fountain”. Together with the other key cult members, Dou Chunsheng, Yi Haitao and Kuo Qinjun, they widely spread superstitious heresy, having deceived many people into gathering at Ah Cheng city, Heilongjiang province from different places in China. They also set up an underground printing house, having printed and distributed large amounts of propaganda material. As their influence increased, they recruited nearly hundreds of followers within a short period of two years. In 1991, the Public Security Department of Heilongjiang Province banned the “Church of the Everlasting Fountain” and shut down its underground printing house. Zhao then fled to Henan and other places to form the cult “Real God.” In 1993, on the length of those words in the Bible, “Lightning comes from

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<sup>44</sup> This is one of most commonly used tactics by the Chinese government against any organizations outside its control including the unregistered churches.

the East, and the Son of Man will descend in this way.<sup>45</sup>” Zhao and other key members set out to do training of key members in Henan province, before dispatching their cadres Yi Haitao, Zhang Xindong and Zhang Hongzhen to spread their heresy tenet across the country. In this way, the cult “Real God” gradually extended its influence from Henan to twenty-two provinces, cities, autonomous regions and cities directly under the central government, having deceived thousands of people.

This organization attacks China that currently she is a large decadent emperor family dominated by the Big Red Dragon.”

The cult “Real God” has a very tight organizational system, ranking in order from “Real God,” mainland work district, provincial work district, big parish, small parish, section, church and platoon (or “cell group”). We still don’t know exactly how many tiers are available in the system. By functions the organization is divided into, evangelizing system and logistical maintenance and supplier system. The administrative command system ranked in order from “ the person used by the Holy Spirit” (referring to Zhao), leader of the parish (also called “provincial leader”), district leader, section leader, meeting leader and cell-group leader. Leaders at lower levels must obey their superiors and are charged with the duty of the management of personnel in charge of evangelizing and logistic affairs. The evangelical system is made up of “persons in charge of evangelizing ” and “ persons in charge of leading new believers,” for whom the scope of work and division of responsibilities are defined. Within the logistic system personnel are also specified in charge of finance, printing books and document, and procuring supplies.

## **II The development of the cult “Real God” and dangers it has created**

The cult “Real God” spread to our province from the Lin County, Henan Province end 1997. Since then on their core members from Shandong, Inner Mongolia, and Northeastern area and Beijing came here to preach secretly and recruit followers in several cities, including Chengde, Tangshan, Cangzhou and Hengshui. At present, the illegal activities of the cult members were observed in the other ten cites except Qinhuangdao and Huabei Oilfield in this province. The investigation shows that the cult

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<sup>45</sup> Matthew 24:27

has set up dozens of branch organizations, recruited over 3,000 members, cheating over ten thousand people covering 17 counties, 29 towns and 44 villages. The spread of the cult and its illegal activities have seriously disturbed the daily life and production of massive people. In particular, Zhao Weishan's followers coming from other provinces advocate "dooms day", spurring fast growth of the cult in this province.

In order to evade the punishment by the Public Security authority, the cult stipulates rules and regulations such as "The Measures Against the Big Red Dragon's Spies," and "Details On the Precautions And Protections" as well as rules of secrecy guiding the activities, just to mention a few, never hold gatherings as scheduled in advance except on short notice, nor release specific location but only provide a guide leading participants to the gathering place; scatter the gathering posts, which should change from time to time; post a watchman for each gathering, forbidding an outsider to enter; use alias and false addresses among members; register the pages and cell phones used by the core members with alias, and change the phone numbers frequently; request ordinary members to use public phone booth instead of home phones or personal cell phones; provide lodgings for core members in reliable but never the same households, which change frequently up to several places one day; request for single-line contact between subordinates and superiors, and resist confession in case of interrogation, etc.

In light of the information we have obtained thus far, the activities of the cult assume some new characteristic. First, the cult begins to infiltrate into inner circles of the party, government and the "Three-Self Patriotic Movement" (TSPM), aside from recruiting members from massive people, so as to speed up its spread and enlarge its structure. Second, its core members secretly have got in touch with overseas individuals in an attempt to obtain support from some overseas infiltrating organizations. According to our information source, at the meetings secretly held for top-level core members overseas individuals were seen present. Thirdly, its political purpose becomes increasingly overt. According to its cadre's disclosure, some of its top-level core members have been "elites" of "June 4<sup>th</sup>" students protest movement of 1989, who are editing books and propaganda material. In their conviction to overthrow the power of "Big Red Dragon", they are actively seeking theoretical basis, draft work plan in order to recruit more members.

Our investigation reveals that “Real God” have committed a large number of crimes in addition to systematically recruiting members and setting up organizations unlawfully. They illegally printed and distributed vast copies of books and propaganda materials. From 1989 to 1999, this cult organization printed 870,000 copies in over eighty types of books, with printing cost amounts up to 880,000 yuan. Their funding sources and the volumes of print shows that the cult is supposed to have gained rich financial support for such a sizable organization. What is more noteworthy, this cult is hastening its efforts to infiltrate underground Catholic churches so as to increase its strength by uniting with other underground powers. Tangshan public security authority discovers that underground Catholics in areas such as Zunhua, Fengnan and Qianan have joined in hand with this cult. Some of its key members spread fabricated rumors and superstitious heresies, even with signs of causing trouble. In August 1999, its key members claimed, “The year 2000 is the end of the world. To save the human beings, the only way is to participate in praying for world peace in Tiananmen Square on August 14<sup>th</sup>.” Some misled believers were leaving Shijiazhuang and Baoding for Beijing for “praying for peace.”

### **III The work regarding the investigating and banning the cult “Real God” in recent years and existing problems concerned**

Generally speaking, the domestic security and defense departments in the Public Security authority in our province have done a great amount of work and achieved a remarkable success in this regard. By exerting the secret forces, the public security bureaus in Shijiazhuang, Cangzhou and Langfang uncovered important clues as to the spread of the cult in our province. In January this year, a case was solved involving the cult with He Mingli as ringleader in Shijiazhuang city, turning up over 100 cult members and banning dozens of gathering places. Another discovery is the exposure of a linchpin liaison, a woman aged 26 and self introduced as “Xiao Yue ” and the important clue as to her involvement with the training of cadres coming from various places in the Fengfeng Mining district in Handan.

However, we have to be aware of lots of room for improvement and weak links in our work with regard to the investigation and banning of the cult.

The existing problems are as follows:

- (1) The departments for domestic security and defense in the Public Security authority in some counties and cities didn't fully realize the harm brought about by the spread of the cult "Real God" and the long-term nature of the combat, by failing to elaborately draw up and operate viable schemes especially with respect to planted agents. Some local agencies have not brought into play the peculiar functions and advantages inherent in the Departments for domestic security and defense in the Public Security authority in that, faced with difficulty in intelligence gathering, they only relied on interrogation in place of investigation or simplified methods adopted by the departments of criminal investigation. Overall our intelligence work has not touched deep into the core of this cult organization to such a point of a break-through, placing us on the defensive.
- (2) Generally we lack deep and meticulous investigation and comprehensive analysis and research.
- (3) The available intelligence and investigation show that the suspects involved are either natives or from other provinces. In view of the width of the scope of the cult and large numbers of its cadres, over years the departments for domestic security and defense in the public security authorities lack serious and solid accumulation of basic information concerning their core members' photo, fingerprint, physical features and identities, etc.
- (4) There lacks long-term restraints on and control for the core members of the cult. Although those core members have been placed under repeated arrest, due to the prevailing problem with overemphasis on the banning while downplaying the control through education, the arrest of those individuals are invariably followed by release, and vice versa, with a result to leave the work in striking down and banning inefficient.

#### **IV. Suggestion on the advancement of the investigation and banning of the cult "Real God" at the next stage**



In recent years, under the united leadership of the Party Committees and governments at different levels, following the unified deployment of the Ministry of the Public Security and the provincial Department of Public Security, the party committees and governments at all levels, individual public security authorities at various levels in our province has accumulated valuable experience derived from the remarkable success achieved in destroying some of the cult organizations through launching specific campaigns against the cult with coordination of other pertinent departments. The practice proves that the key to thoroughly containing the spread and development of the cult is to get rid of the core of the cult, and to completely destroy its organizational system. With due importance of this special case on mind, all leaders in charge of the departments for domestic security and defense should put great emphasis on the building-up of secret forces, the intelligence gathering by planted agents. To push our work to move on, we should apply investigation-oriented strategy in conjunction with the crackdown on the basis of persistent operation of planted agents, governed by underlying principle of “carrying out the operation of planted agents through elaborate layout and operation to conduct investigation on the cult’s organization system and underground activity.” Next, I will dwell on the detailed deployment for this special case.

1. In order to safeguard the State power and national security, we must heighten the political consciousness and take efficient measures to completely contain the spread of the cult. Otherwise it will definitely disturb people’s thought and seriously endanger the rule of the Party<sup>46</sup> and socialist system as a result. For the following period, the combat against the cult will probably become more complex and intense.
2. Special cases should be set around the leaders and core remembers of the cult to further the investigation. Currently, the case has been placed specifically under the code “807” with the Ministry of Public Security. As instructed by the Ministry of Public Security, the Provincial Department of Public Security has already encoded the “Real God” case as a special case “807”, taking responsibility for commanding, mobilizing, supervising and coordinating. Individual public security authority in cities and counties, in view of local situations, should set up a leading

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<sup>46</sup> Chinese Communist Party

group for this special case and assign specific personnel to advance the investigation in following respects. *First*, pay special attention to basic information about the leaders of “Real God” and clues to their activities, including Zhao Wei-shan, Yin Hai-tao, Dou Chun-sheng, and “Xiao Zhao”. *Secondly*, keep tracing the underground activities of the core members such as Wen Dao-sheng and “Xiao Yue” and inside information concerning their organizations in our province. *Thirdly*, try to find out the source of activity funds possessed by the cult and channels of printing, transporting, and distribution of propaganda material. *Fourthly*, keep probing the cult’s overseas connections and the communication channel with other provinces and cities. In the whole process, with an accurate understanding the principle “Ready to attack once they make appearance”, we must resort to various strategies to break them up before launching a strike-down, disabling the core members in aspects of plotting, organizing and commanding by effectively controlling or cutting off the contact among them. Meanwhile, we must make great efforts to gather criminal evidence involving the cult leaders and core members, catching their handles to get them smashed one by one on base-by-case basis. But the open trial is not appropriate for this cult case.<sup>47</sup>

3. Enhance the build-up of secret forces and the operation of planted agents.

Intelligence gathering through planted agents is an advantage particular to domestic security and defense, which is the basic avenue to transform the contour of our current cult combating in the form of “out-ring action”, “encounter action”, and “defensive action” as well as a key to the success of handling the case. Given the activity characteristics of the cult “Real God”, we may take the following measures: *first*, try to tap into the opportunity of the cult infiltrating into our departments to **send capable special agents or cadres into the cult, winning their trust and gathering information about the core members and their underground activities**.<sup>48</sup> *Secondly*, take advantage of the cult’s rigorous control

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<sup>47</sup> Usually most of the trials regarding the “cult” leaders are held in secret in China.

<sup>48</sup> This tactic had been practiced since the founding of Chinese Communist Party in 1921 in dealing with religious organizations. Eg. Mr Li Chuwen, former deputy director of Xinhua News Agency of Hongkong.

of its members to select a gap, i.e. prospective defector from core members, whom can be **forced upon secret arrest to work for us**.<sup>49</sup> *Thirdly*, given that the cult organization has already targeted on “Three-Self” Patriotic Church<sup>50</sup> as a goal for the infiltration, we may capture this chance to choose **our special agents hidden in religion community** to take the course and work his way into the core of the cult for intelligence gathering. *Fourthly*, by exploiting the opportunity of the cult organizing large-scale secret meetings, we should mobilize our secret forces from different places at appropriate time, conducting investigation through multiple channels and at multiple levels. *Fifthly*, choose the key areas where the cult is active to “**induce birds by constructing nest**” with target on the leaders and core members, weaving the net for the investigation and control through creating a lax atmosphere under close surveillance. To sum up, we should exert powerful secret forces and promote the investigation made on the part of planted agents.

4. On the basis of investigation, entries must be made in registers to keep a set of full files regarding the photo, fingerprint, physical features, activities and disposition of the core members ranking above the leaders of gathering places. We must endeavor to change the previous situation where each city combated crime on its own, lacking mutual communication and exchange, leaving behind fragmentary material in files and scrappy intelligence. For those members involved in the cult activities without permanent residence, we can trace them down on the Internet. With the banning of the cult organization “Real God” as impetus, a province-wide “Information Data Management System Concerning Cult” will be established to form a speedy Internet communication mechanism, increasing the technological content in domestic security and defense in an attempt to lay a good foundation for our work at next stage.

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was sent to Shanghai International Church as a pastor while actually he was a secret agent and Party leader

<sup>49</sup> This is the harshest tactic against the unregistered church by the Chinese government. Usually in order to destroy a targeted group some members of that group are forced to work as informants of the government because their close family members are taken as some sort of hostages.

<sup>50</sup> See footnote 27

5. A province-wide mechanism for coordination in the cult fighting must be founded. To improve the combat effectiveness as a whole, we must adopt an overall perspective, clarifying our thought on the coordination in the crime combating. All information in connection to our province and other provinces and cities must be reported and issued in circulars in a timely manner lest any chance to win a combat could be bungled. The investigation of the cult “ Real God ” gives an impetus to gradually form working mechanism on Internet and strongly advance the work in the banning of the cult organization. This special combat of banning the cult will be underway in our province if large-scale Catholic illegal gathering does not take place, and Fa Lung Gong adherents do not cause new trouble.

This meeting is summoned after being approved by the senior leaders of the Provincial Party Committee and agreed by the Party Committee of the Department for Public Security. All participants please report the gist of the meeting to pertinent Party Committee of local public security bureau and Director in charge. The departments for domestic security ad defense in strategic cities and counties are to set up a task force as soon as possible to get the work starting. Each one of the detailed tasks deployed at this meeting are required to be carried out, with the update of the progress being reported to the Provincial Department of Public Security.

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## **List of important business and work**

*The First Branch of Department of Public Security of Heilongjiang Province*

*August 2000*

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**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**: The department sent personnel to accompany Wang Xiaoxi, deputy director of the Department, to attend a meeting in Beijing held by the Ministry of State Public Security for some of the provincial and municipal Departments and Bureaus on how to deal with Fa Lun Gong.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**: The department issued “ The Circular: Launching ‘A Hundred-Day Campaign’ During the Specific Combat of Cracking Down on The Evil and Illegal Activities (*refers to underground religious and political activities –editor’s note*) Across the Province.”

On the same day two documents issued by the Ministry of State Public Security were forwarded, with the suggestion in conjunction with the specific situation in our province. Two documents are “On Issues Regarding How the Public Security Authority Handle Ordinary Organizations Illegally Established By the Grass Roots In Accordance with Law”, and “The Circular: Investigation of *Zheng Ming*<sup>51</sup> and Other Overseas Hostile Publications”.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>**: Liu Yuhe, the deputy director of the Branch, attended a meeting held in Shandong Province summoned by the First Bureau of the Ministry of State Public Security for section chiefs of domestic security and defense department at provincial and municipal level to discuss about how to strike down a cult called “Real God”.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**: Comrade Yang Kuanghong, Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party of Heilongjiang province, made comment on “ The Report on the Thoughts and Suggestion on ‘428’ Task Force Organized by the Provincial Public Security Department Solving Three Cases in Which Fa Lun Gong die-hard Believers Duplicated and

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<sup>51</sup> This is a well-known magazine that often reveals the internal power struggle among the top leaders of CCP.

Distributed Propaganda Materials ”: **I agree in principle. Please send “615” Office for review.**

*August 9<sup>th</sup>*: The Department sent personnel to the Office of Provincial Party Comprehensive Administration Committee to discuss how to carry out “The Suggestion Regarding Intensifying the Comprehensive Administration In Colleges and Universities Issued By the Central Government Comprehensive Administration Committee”, which is forwarded by the State Council.

*August 8<sup>th</sup>*: The Department sent personnel to accompany Wang Xiaoxi, deputy director of the Department, to Daqing city and Harbin city to listen to reports on how the two cities are cracking down on the cult Fa Lun Gong and to make intensive discussion on the long-term strategies for handling Fa Lun Gong.

*August 11<sup>th</sup>*: The Department sent personnel to Harbin to discuss the progress of the project “Peninsula Construction<sup>52</sup>” and the work at next stage.

*August 14<sup>th</sup>*: “615” Office of the Province forwarded the Department’s report “On Thoughts and Work Suggestion on “428” Special Task Force Organized by the Provincial Public Security Department Solving Three Cases in Which Fa Lun Gong Strong-headed Believers Duplicated and Distributed Propaganda Materials”

On the same day, Mr. Zhang, No. 21 figure on the list of “911 Case”, who was seized in our Province, was turned over to Shanghai Public Security Bureau under the instruction of the Ministry of State Public Security.

On the same day Chen Yongcai, the Director of the Department, commented on “A few Suggestion On Fortifying Security in College and University Dormitories”:

**Speed up the communication with Harbin and write an official report to the Provincial Government.** Wang Xiaoxi, Deputy Director of the Department also commented on the paper: **I agree. As one of the measures of educational reform, the State Council has approved specialization of the logistics administration in higher institutions. Therefore, the public security authorities should take the whole situation into consideration and cooperate with the educational departments to carry on this reform. This new measure will create new political and security sensitive zones. Thus, the public security authorities should move**

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<sup>52</sup> This is a code for a secret project which remains unknown.

**ahead by placing more manpower in this new field, doing research in combination with reality so as to gradually improve the quality and explore new ways for security work after reform of higher institutions.**<sup>53</sup>

*August 15<sup>th</sup>*: Wang Yunsheng, the section chief, presided over a meeting, listening to the reports concerning the newly formed Security Direction Office of Culture section and the Higher Institution Security Office, as well as discussing and deploying future work.<sup>54</sup>

*August 16<sup>th</sup>*: The Provincial Department held a meeting for the chief directors of public security bureaus in charge. Chen Yongcai, the Director of the Department, summarized the situation concerning the combat against Fa Lun Gong since “722 ” incident occurred last year, and deployed the work at next stage according to the present circumstance.

On the same day Liu Yuhe, the deputy chief of the section led a team to Zhaodong City, Sui Dong to direct the reconnaissance on Case 613 involving the cult “Real God.”

*August 18<sup>th</sup>*: In order to implement [2000] 703 Bulletin issued by the Ministry of State Public Security, deployment was made for relevant public security bureaus to conduct investigation of the persons involved and subsequent report was required to submit by specified time.

*August 21<sup>th</sup>*: Office “615” of the provincial government forwarded 86 copies of propaganda materials mailed by Fa LunGong followers to some of the top leaders in the provincial government and Party committee, and ordered the Public Security Bureau in Harbin from which the materials were mailed to mobilize police force to conduct investigation.

On the same day, the Department sent personnel to the Public Security Bureau in Harbin to discuss the phrasal investigation of the July 28<sup>th</sup> anonymous threatening letter and the collection of the evidence in order to make plans at next stage.

*August 22<sup>nd</sup>*: The Department submitted to the provincial government the report with the title “The Summary of the First Phase of The Special Combat Concerning

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<sup>53</sup> In the past, especially since 1989 student democratic movement, the Public Security Bureau monitor the students’ apartments of each major university in order to closely observe and quickly suppress any protest.

<sup>54</sup> The newly established two offices suggest any cultural exchanges with overseas will be much more closely monitored than before.

Striking Down the Evil and Illegal Activates and Suggestion on Work at Next Stage Across the Province”.

*August 23<sup>rd</sup>*: The Harbin Public Security Bureau, under the direction of the department, solved the case involving 86 copies of propaganda materials mailed by Fa Lun Gong followers, which were forwarded by the Office “615” of the provincial government on August 21<sup>th</sup>. The suspect Chen Yuhua was seized. Under interrogation, Chen made complete confession. The case is still under investigation.

*August 24<sup>th</sup>*: the Department submitted to the Department of Public Security in Henan the report with the title “ Bulletin: The Investigation of Sun-Moon Qi Gong Case In Henan Province In Connection to the Investigation in Our Province” and “ Bulletin: The Investigation of Fragrance Qi Gong Case In Henan Province In Connection to the Investigation in Our Province”. A copy is sent to “907” Office of the First Bureau of the Ministry of State Public Security.

On the same day, the Department submitted to the First Bureau of the Ministry of State Public Security the report with the title “The Summary of the First Phase of The Special Combat Concerning Striking Down the Evil and Illegal Activates and Suggestion on Work at Next Stage Across the Province”. Chen Zhimin, the Chief Director of the First Bureau, commented on the report: **Since Heilongjiang province has attained a great achievement in the previous combat in “Striking down the evil and illegal activities”, their experience is worthy of being summed up. Attention should be paid to consolidate the achievement, and to uncover and control the activities of the key cult members of “Eastern Lightning”.**

*August 27<sup>th</sup>*: According to the instruction of the Ministry of State Public Security, the Department deployed Harbin Public Security Bureau to actualize the measure to investigate and control the activity of Du, a resident of Ah city and mother of Zhang who is the No.1 figure in the 911 case.

*August 28<sup>th</sup>*: Following the deployment of the department, the Heihe City Public Security Bureau seized Chen, a key member in the 911 case.

*August 30<sup>th</sup>*: The Section of Protecting Cultural Relics from Harbin City Public Security Bureau came to report their work in the presence of officers with the ranking



above the section level. Wang Yunsheng, the section chief, made explanations on the division of function upon the organizational restructure specified detail requirement for the work.

*August 31<sup>st</sup>*: The Department submitted to Office 615 of the provincial government “Report on the Investigation of Zangmi (Tibet Lama Mi Zong) Qi Gong in Tieli Forest Bureau in our province”

On the same day, the Department submitted “Report on The Investigation of Qi Gong Which Jeopardizes the Society” to 907 Office of the First Bureau of the Ministry of State Public Security.

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## The “Real God ” Cult: Their Activities and Work Requirements<sup>55</sup>

The “Actual God” cult (also called “All Powerful God”) was established in 1989 by Zhao Wei-Shan, the core member of the previous “Shouters Sect” (*Hu Han Pai* in Chinese). He also illegally established the “Yong Yuan Church” at Acheng city, Hei Long Jiang Province, and claimed himself as “Powerful Lord”, deceiving hundreds of people. After this organization was banned by the local public security authority according to law in 1991, he claimed himself as “Sovereign Lord” and fled into He Nan Province and other places, wantonly advocating that the period of “Powerful Lord” was coming to an end, that Jesus has become flesh again by choosing a female body who is “Actual God” etc. He set up “Actual God” organizations, which now are active in over 10 provinces and cities such as Hei Long Jiang, He Nan, Guang Dong, Jiang Su and Jiang Xi, continuing to deceive thousands of people.

“Actual God” sets up parishes, sections, churches and cell groups. Parishes are divided into big and small parishes. A big parish has a “leader of the big parish” and two staff members, while a small parish has a “leader of the small parish”. Both are responsible for checking, management and gospel preaching in individual small parishes. A section has a “leader of the section” who is responsible for directing and supervising the gospel preaching of each church. Each section must assign four persons to be full-time members of the “Pouring out church”, two of whom should be able to preach, while the other two serve as co-workers. A church has a “leader of the church” who is responsible for the comprehensive work of the church, and who can also choose a capable person to assist with promoting the gospel preaching. A cell group has group leaders, under whom “Watch out” and “Maturation” are set up. Each church sets up two to four groups.

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<sup>55</sup> This is an incomplete version of a top-secret document. Please read the explanatory note from the person who copied this document at the end of this document for why.

This organization has “The Word Becomes Flesh” as its canon. Its primary propaganda materials are “The Lightning Comes from the East”, “The Judgment Begins from God’s House”, “Techniques of Gospel Preaching”, “On the Communication of Actual Truth and Answers to Relevant Questions”, “God’s Last Words” and “How Kind is All-Powerful God”. Its tapes include “Songs of God’s Words”, “Popular Songs”, “The Discussion on the Permanent Home”, “Answers to Relevant Questions” and “Dance.” Its primary tenet claims that God has become flesh a second time in a female’s image. It divides the centuries into three phases: the period of Law, the period of Grace, and the period of Kingdom. It divides human beings into five categories: first sons, sons, God’s people, the helpers, and the destroyed. This organization claims “Currently China is a decadent emperor’s large family, which is dominated by the Big Red Dragon.” It incites “all of God’s people and sons to launch a decisive combat with the Big Red Dragon in the Dragon’s country under God’s leadership, to destroy the Big Red Dragon and not allow it to corrupt human beings.” Each cell group has meetings on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night every week, where either a host will preach or the believers have communication among themselves.

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General Notice on The Activities of the Cult Organization

“South China Church”

To the security squad, surveillance squad, domestic defense squad, relics<sup>56</sup> protection squad and all the local public security bureaus and branches:

After a thorough investigation, the public security authority of Zhong Xiang City in Hubei province has tracked down the editorial department of *South China Magazine* (refers to *Salvation and China* –editor’s note) established by South China Church, a branch of the cult organization<sup>57</sup> “Total Scope Church”<sup>58</sup> and two depots,<sup>59</sup> and arrested fourteen core members, including Li Ying, the chief editor and No. two person in the organization. They seized ten kinds of books and propaganda materials totaling 50,000 copies, 350,000 yuan [=US\$43,370] (bank deposit receipt) and other goods used in the illegal activities. At present, the public security authority of Zhong Xiang City has already basically uncovered the organizational system and inside information of “South China Church,” the criminal evidence of the key members through their investigation. This discovery has laid a foundation for punishing the leaders and core members of the cult and the complete smashing of its organizational system. Due to the fact that the

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<sup>56</sup> “wenbao” could also mean archival preservation bureau.

<sup>57</sup> The word “cult” as used in most Chinese government documents refers to any religious groups that are organized, but did not or would not register with the Religious Affairs Bureau of the state, nor would they join the Three-self Patriotic Movement. It is used in a political sense, not religious sense.

<sup>58</sup> A name given to the “Born Again Group” formerly headed by Peter Yongze XU. This group is evangelical, committed to itinerant evangelism and church planting. They train young evangelists and send them to nearly all the provinces of China in accordance with where the evangelists feel called of God to go. They are also called “Criers” because many people cry in repentance during evangelistic meetings.

<sup>59</sup> Meaning places where these magazines were stored.

ringleader, Gong Shengliang and over ten other key members of “South China Church” are still at large, further investigation is needed to get more information about their criminal activities and these top leaders, the Ministry of Public Security has issued “ The Circular Regarding Activities of the cult ‘South China Church’ and Suggestions About the Next Stage of Work.” The document requires that the domestic security departments of public security authority nationwide advance their work to apprehend Gong and other key members without delay.

Following is relevant information.

### **1. Basic Information about “South China Church”**

“South China Church” was founded by Gong Shengliang, a former key member of the cult. “All Sphere Church”. Gong, 49, is from Zaoyang City, Hubei Province. He has other names as Gong Dali, Gong Shengli, with pseudonym Zion. His followers call him “teacher.” In 1990, due to conflict with Xu Yongze, Gong, the chief leader of “All Sphere Church,” gathered some key members and broke away from the leadership of Xu Yongze before setting up “South China Church” in Zhong Xiang City, Hubei Province. Based on the “Drafts on Basic Church Establishment” Gong Shengliang edited “*God’s Forever and Ever*” as the tenet for “South China Church.” In February 1993, Gong also drafted “The Thirteen Rules for South China Church,” the principles guiding the organization and activity of the church, in which he advocated “the evangelization of whole nation, the Christianization of culture, and the kingdomization<sup>60</sup> of the church.” He also cried out to the believers to “put on the armor given by the Lord, fight a bloody battle with the devil (referring to the government)<sup>61</sup> till the end, destroy Satan’s (referring to the Communist Party)<sup>62</sup> kingdom, and establish the everlasting Kingdom of God.”

“South China Church” has a strict organizational system, ranking in four levels from Council Meeting, Fellowship Meeting, District Meeting, and Local Church Meeting. The council is the top level of “South China Church.” The chief leaders are: Gong Shengliang and Li Ying (36, his niece also from Zaoyang city) in charge with organization and

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<sup>60</sup> “Kingdomization” or “guoduhua” means to promote the concept of the universality of the church and its onward historical mission of bringing the Gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus to the Chinese people.

<sup>61</sup> The bracket is added by the government drafter of this document; there is no such implication in the minds of house church believers in China. “The devil” is understood in a spiritual sense referring to the fallen angel, or Satan.

<sup>62</sup> Again, this is an interpretation by the Chinese Communist writer of the document.

propaganda<sup>63</sup> for the church. Others include Sun Minghua in charge of finance (female, aged 31, resident in Zaoyang City, Hubei Province.) The members of the council consist of “Gospel Section leaders” who represent the different Fellowship Meetings. The leaders of the Fellowship Meeting, the second level, is called “Gospel Section Leader.” Each Fellowship Meeting has twenty to fifty “Gospel Messengers”. A “sphere” is the third level of its organizational structure. Its leaders are called “Those Who Care”. The leader in the “Meeting Points,” the fourth level, is called “The Server”. Each Fellowship Meeting has several “spheres,<sup>64</sup> or districts,” and under each “sphere” are many “meeting points.” This organization adopted the pattern of activities from “Total Scope Church”: they have opened various types of training classes to train core leaders and develop more believers. They operate “Seminaries in the Field,” “Classes for Those Who Are Called”, “Meetings of Pillars,” etc. Currently, they have already set up thirteen Fellowship Meetings, covering over eight provinces, autonomous regions and metropolises, covering Henan, Sichuan, Shanxi, Shandong, Hebei, Inner Mongolia, Chongqing, etc.<sup>65</sup>

## II Major Activities of “South China Church”

(1) Editing, publishing, printing and selling a large volume of illegal materials. In order to increase its influence, the organization established a five-people editorial office in Zhongxiang in May 1998, with Li Ying as the chief editor, Li Yingping and three others as the assistant editors and Xiao Yanli as printing editor. In August of the same year, they published and distributed the “South China Magazine” under the name of “Zion Publishing House” and printed about 480,000 copies of the 48 issues of the journal printed by press of the College of Wuhan Communication Command, by the press of Wuhan Radar Command Institute, and by Wuhan New Star Color Printing Company, Inc. They forced their believers to buy the print material at the price of three yuan (=US 37 cents) a copy and made a profit of several 100,000 yuan [=US\$12,392] from their illegal sales. In the past two years, this organization also

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<sup>63</sup> “Propaganda” is a Communist political term used by the party’s work of propaganda, but for the church, this means evangelism or the promoting the spread of the Gospel.

<sup>64</sup> “Pian” means a geographical sphere, such as an area covering several counties.

<sup>65</sup> The above description of the organizational structure and the titles of the church leaders are correction; they follow the pattern already established by Peter Xu’s group since the 1980s.

illegally printed “South China Church” calendars and home decor paintings/writings (*zhong tang*) over 10,000 copies of each item.<sup>66</sup>

(2) Collecting a huge amount of money by coercing and deceiving<sup>67</sup>. Gong Shengliang set up a so-called “Bank of Heaven” through Sun Minghua. He spread rumors among his believers, saying “The country will be at war soon; you won’t get a cent of your money back if you put it in the State owned banks.” “The safest way is to put your money in ‘Bank of Heaven.’ If you don’t put your money in ‘Bank of Heaven,’ you are not loyal to the Lord,” etc. Many deceived believers were so scared that they poured in money in the “Bank of Heaven.” According to the investigation, about 320,000 yuan [=US\$39,653] have been deposited in the “Bank of Heaven.”

(3) Committing serious crimes by inflicting harm on those who offend them, and raping women and other serious criminal activities.<sup>68</sup> The key members of “South China Church” took revenge on the people with violence who had reported their activities secretly to the police. They also plotted to take revenge on the policemen<sup>69</sup> and their family members who had investigated their crimes according to law. Based on the information obtained, ten cases are involved violent revenge directly plotting and carried out by Gong Shengliang. Some of the victims had their legs beaten and broken; others were disfigured with sulfuric acid brutally. In addition, Gong Shengliang took the advantage of being the “teacher” to rape<sup>70</sup> a number of women. The preliminary investigation by the Public Security Bureau of Zhong Xiang City in Hubei Province shows that Gong Shengliang raped all eleven women believers under arrest, except for Li Ying.

### **III. What must be done:**

At request of the Ministry of the State Public Security, all public security authority nationwide, upon receiving this Circular, should use every means to find out

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<sup>66</sup> Many government or college press are willing to print for private, even religious groups to keep the press busy and earn additional income, even though such activities are forbidden by the government authorities.

<sup>67</sup> This statement is biased and untrue. It is a misinterpretation of Christian offering collected from the believers voluntarily.

<sup>68</sup> This kind of untrue slandering is commonly attributed to Christian leaders whom the government wants to arrest. Usually no proof can be found.

<sup>69</sup> This kind of revenge by the believers against the police and their families is unheard of. Usually believers just take the beating by the police without any retaliation.

<sup>70</sup> Charging church leaders of raping is another form of slander that appears in government accusation papers.

if the “South China Church” has set up meeting places and distributed its publication in Beijing. Once it is detected, you should keep close watch on their movement, mobilize manpower to ensure that the investigation and evidence collection be done so as to be prepared to deal and to attack them in accordance with law. In particular, you should focus attention on detecting the whereabouts of Gong Shengliang and ten key members who are at large and to detain suspects immediately. While you are in the process of verifying the suspect’s identity and preliminary interrogation, report to the Religion Section of the State Domestic Security. The contact phones are: 21061 (special line) and 82089655 (city line).

Attached is the information on Gong Shengliang and the key members of “South China Church.”

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001

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Beijing Bureau of Public Security*)

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***Attachment:***

**The information Regarding Gong Shengliang and the Key members  
Of “South China Church.”**

1. ***Gong Shengliang*** (other names: Gong Dali, Gong Shengli, Gong Dali. alias Zion) who was born on May 20, 1952. A native of Xuzhai Village Zaoyang City, Hubei province, with middle-school education. His identity card number is: 420683520520031. Ring-leader of the cult “South China Church,” in which he called himself “Servant of God, Leader, and Teacher”. By taking advantage of his position



in the organization, he raped a number of women, plotted and directed revenge that caused several injuries. He has also been involved in fraud and other activities.

2. **Sun Minghua** (alias Gao Yuan), aged 31, with middle-school education. A native of Luogang Town, Zaoyang City, Hubei province. No. 3 leader of the cult “South China Church” and is in charge of finances for the cult.

3. **Cao Hongmei** (alias Cao Meigui and Tong Fen), aged 28, with middle-school education. A native of Bingshui Town (*bingshui zhen*) of Zhongxiang City in Hubei province. She is the “Gospel team leader” of the Fellowship Meeting of “South China Church” in Qianjiang area. She is alleged to have been involved in organizing and directing revenge that caused injuries of Zhou Qijun and other three victims at Shayang Country in Hubei province on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2001.

4. **Yi Dezhen** (alias Yi Zunming and Tong Jiao), aged 28, with a primary school education. A native of Caihu Township (*caihu zhen*) of Zhongxiang City in Hubei Province. She is the “Gospel team leader” of the Fellowship Meeting of “South China Church” in Zaoyang area. She is alleged to have been involved in organizing and directing revenge that caused injuries of Wang Xiuzhi at Lengji Town of Gucheng County in Hubei province in the end of 2000.

5. **Du Zhifeng** (alias Titus Du, Tong Ming), aged 28, with a middle school education. A native of Weijiazha Village of Caihu Township of Zhongxiang City in Hubei Province. He is the “Gospel team leader” of the Fellowship Meeting of “South China Church” in Yingcheng area. He is alleged to have been involved in plotting revenge that caused injuries of Zou Qingqiang at Kedian Township of Zhongxiang City in Hubei province in January 2001.

6. **Xu Fuming** (alias Ling Feng), aged 25, a native of Chengguan Township of Taiqian County in Henan province. He is the “Gospel Messenger” of Zhongxiang Fellowship Meeting of “South China Church” in Zhongxiang area. He is alleged to have been involved in revenge that caused injuries of Xie Dong in Zhongxiang City of Hubei province in December 2000.

7. **Wang Jinli** (alias Juhui), aged 23, a native of Hou Wanglou Village of Shen County in Shandong province. He is the “Gospel Messenger” of Fellowship Meeting of “South China Church” in Zhongxiang area. He is alleged to have been involved in

revenge that caused injuries of Xei Dong in Zhongxiang City of Hubei province in December 2000.

8. **Wang Yan** (alias Chen Fu), aged 23, with middle school education. A native of Tang Prefecture (county), Hebei Province. She is the “Gospel team leader” of the Fellowship Meeting of “South China Church” in Lichuan area. She is alleged to have been involved in plotting revenge that caused injuries of Yi Chuan in Maobei Town in Lichuan City of Hubei province in May 2001.

9. Alias is **Gong Tongyin** (his real name is unknown) is a native of Taiping Town in Zaoyang City of Hubei province. He is the “Gospel ambassador” of Communication Assembly of “South China Church” in ZhongXiang area. He is alleged to have been involved in revenge that caused injuries of Mu Huaizhou in Duobao Town of Tianmen City of Hubei province in November 1999.

10. Alias is **Qiu Yuese** - Joseph Qiu – and Tong Ge (his real name is unknown), aged 25, a native of Zaoyang City of Hubei province. He is the “Gospel team leader” of the Fellowship Meeting of “South China Church” in Shiyan area. He is alleged to have been involved in revenge that caused injuries of Mu in Duobao Township in Tianmen City of Hubei province in November 1999.