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SUBJECT: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 CRISIS IN BEIJING: ((DENG)) XIAOPING REPORTEDLY DEAD; PRESIDENT ((YANG)) SHANGKUN ORCHESTRATES MILITARY CRACKDOWN IN BEIJING (U)

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SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ SENIOR LEADER ((DENG)) XIAOPING HAS REPORTEDLY DIED OF HEART FAILURE. PRESIDENT ((YANG)) SHANGKUN APPEARS TO BE BEHIND THE MILITARY MASSACRE IN BEIJING. YANG'S SON, ((YANG)) JUN, IS COMMANDER OF THE 27TH GROUP ARMY.

TEXT:

1. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) [REDACTED] LEARNED VIA A TELEPHONE CALL (PLACED AT 1300EST, 5 JUNE) WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS THAT ((DENG)) XIAOPING, CHINA'S SUPREME LEADER AND HEAD OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSON, HAS DIED OF HEART FAILURE.
2. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE CHINESE OFFICIAL IN BEIJING REPORTS THAT DENG'S FINAL WORDS REPORTEDLY WERE "ORIGINALLY, I DID NOT WANT TO USE FORCE" (WO BENLAI SHI BU XIWANG YONG WULIDE). THERE IS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT PRESIDENT ((YANG)) SHANGKUN (STC: 2799/1424/2492) INITIATED THE MILITARY CRACKDOWN ON THE STUDENTS IN TIANANMEN SQUARE PRIOR TO DENG'S DEATH, SUPPOSEDLY INTENDING TO PLACE THE BLAME FOR THE MILITARY ACTION ONTO THE DYING RULER. YANG'S SON, ((YANG)) JUN (STC: 2799/6511) IS REPORTEDLY COMMANDING THE 27TH GROUP ARMY, SUGGESTING THE 27TH WILL MAINTAIN A STRONG LOYALTY TO THE ELDER YANG.
3. ~~(S/NF)~~ [REDACTED] ALSO REPORTS THAT INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE PLAAF HEADQARTERS HIGH LEADERSHIP PRIVATE SWITCHBOARD (b)(3):50 USC 403 ARE NOT BEING ANSWERED, ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THERE IS GREAT CHAOS AMONG THE HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY LEADERSHIP.

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