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The following information comes from various sources who are believed to have been reporting factually:-

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Various reports were received of the Chinese intention to give material aid to the Viet Minh. Organisations to supervise the distribution of such aid are said to be centred at Nanning in Kwangsi. The kind of help given and the amounts given have not been ascertained, but they appear to be sent in by sea as well as overland.

Indications from the interior of Burma are that in some districts agreements were reached about the end of 1950 between insurgent groups to combine forces against the Government. This is a sign of the Burma Communist Party's appeal for such cooperation bearing fruit.

Information obtained from a source in South China about the end of March was that "Chinese Volunteer Forces" would be sent into French Indo China at the end of February to help the Viet Minh occupy the Red River Delta. But owing to the Chinese reverses in Korea this programme had been postponed. The material assistance given by Chinese to the Viet Minh would be continued.

Information dated March coming from various sources indicated that the Chinese Nationalist troops in Kengtung in Burma have the intention of reorganising, and of invading Yunnan province.

A report on the reconstituted People's Volunteer Organisation was obtained from a good source in March. It is composed of those elements that surrendered in response to the Government's offer of an amnesty. It has issued manifestos to declare that it is now a political and not a militant body. Its object was to work for the establishment of a socialist state in Burma "based upon Marxist-Leninist principles". But its members were urged to be "broadminded in their attitude towards other political parties." These actions are probably the first step in a campaign to restore the political fortunes of the P.V.O.

The Burma Branch of the World Peace Congress was reported by a good source to have been very active in February-March. This branch was formed in Rangoon towards the end of February: and it subsequently held many meetings. It enjoys the active support of the Burma Workers' and Peasants' Party.

A Siamese source who reported on the situation in Laos in February this year stated that the Viet Minh troops in Laos are well disciplined and friendly towards the population. The better educated Laos realise that growing Viet Minh control would not mean independence, but only Viet Minh domination. There are fairly large numbers of Viet Minh troops near Thekek and in the Salantan area near Pakse.

It is reported that the Chinese Nationalist troops, who retreated into Kengtung, Burma, in August last year, have been actively reorganising. They have been assisted by, and have received recruits from, the Chinese population in Bangkok.