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Description:

Southwest Bureau;

All your telegraphs regarding advancing to Chamdo have been received. It certainly will be good to advance into Chamdo this year, but the problems are: (1) whether the construction of the long road from Ganzi to Chamdo can keep up with the speed of the attack and be opened for traffic; (2) whether an airfield suitable for airdrop can be constructed in Chamdo and; (3) whether attacking Chamdo with one regiment is enough. The Tibetan army seems to have very strong combat capacity and we must be prepared for a few fierce battles. Do you have adequate assessment on this aspect or not? We are not sure about the above points yet, please investigate and report by telegraph.

Mao Zedong

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