

Regarding the approval of Huang Kecheng's handling opinions on reactionary elements among the former officers of the Hunan Military Academy (4 January 1951)

Comrade Zihui and Comrade Huang Kecheng:

Comrade Huang Kecheng's handling opinions on the reactionary elements among the former officers of the Hunan Military Academy on December 9th [3], I believe are correct. I don't know if you have already responded. If not, it is appropriate to handle it according to Huang's opinions.

Mao Zedong

Annotation:

[1] Huang Kecheng, who was then the Secretary of the Hunan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Commander and Political Commissar of the Hunan Military Region of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

[2] Zihui, namely Deng Zihui, who was then the Third Secretary of the Central South Bureau of the Communist Party of China and the Second Political Commissar of the Central South Military Region of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

[3] Huang Kecheng proposed in a telegram to Deng Zihui and Mao Zedong that there were over a thousand former officers in the Hunan Military Academy, most of whom were from the Chen Mingren faction and other uprising officers. Among them, there are various types of personnel, including resolute reactionary elements. It is not appropriate to adopt hasty methods of handling this group of students at the Military Academy. Except for a few particularly reactionary elements who should be arrested and punished, it is not advisable to arrest and punish too many people because their crimes belong to the past and they have no crimes after liberation. If a large number of arrests and executions are carried out, it will cause great chaos in Hunan and affect too many people.