

WE SHOULD INCLUDE A DIRECT U.S. MILITARY INTERVENTION IN OUR BATTLE PLAN*

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In our battle plan we have all along taken into account the possibility of direct U.S. military occupation of some of China's coastal cities and the United States fighting with us. We should not yet discard such calculation lest we become at a loss in such an eventuality. But the stronger and more determined the Chinese people's revolutionary forces are, the less the possibility of a direct U.S. military intervention, and collaterally maybe the less U.S. financial and arms aid to the Kuomintang. Over the past year, especially the last three months, this point has been proved by the vacillation and certain changes in the attitude of the U.S. government. We must continue to point out and rectify the wrong view among the Chinese people and in our Party that overestimates the strength of U.S. imperialism.

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