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Title: Comment on Suppressing and Liquidating Counterrevolutionaries

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Source: *Wansui* (1969), p. 9. Other Chinese Text: *Wansui* (1967a), p. 154. Available English Translation: *JPRS*, "Miscellany", [1, p. 8.

Description:

The dates differ in the two *Wansui* sources. Here we follow the *Wansui* (1969) source.

The *Wansui* (1967a) source gives September 18, 1959 (obviously incorrect), as the date.[Your] view is correct; let them [i.e., the counterrevolutionaries] move, and [we will] watch carefully; then there is much to gain. They are in the palm of Tathagata [2](#) and are unable to jump off it. You should treat this as a major task and actively and artistically carry out observation and investigative work on it.

Note

Tathagata is the title for Sakyamuni (Buddha). This refers to the story in the Ming dynasty novel *Xiyou ji* (Journey to the West) of the Monkey King who is unable to jump off the palm of Tathagata in a trial of strength.