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SUBJ: VISIT TT THE U.S. BY THE DALAI LAMA

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1. (SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. A BROTHER OF THE DALAI LAMA, LOBSANG SAMTEN, RECENTLY
TOLD [REDACTED] WHO HAS CLOSE TIES TO THE TIBETAN
EXILE LEADERS THAT THE DALAI LAMA HOPES DURING HIS VISIT
TO THE U.S. THIS FALL TO MEET WITH AMERICANS WHO MAY BE
ABLE TO INTERCEDE WITH THE PRC TO OBTAIN FOR THE
TIBETANS MORE FAVORABLE TERMS FOR THE DALAI'S EVENTUAL
RETURN TO TIBET. SAMTEN MENTIONED SENATORS KENNEDY AND
JACKSON AS PERSONS WHOM THE DALAI LAMA MAY HOPE TO CONTACT.

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3. COMMENT: REFTTEL A INDICATES THAT REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE DALAI LAMA PREDICTABLY DID NOT MENTION SEEKING
INTERMEDIARIES WITH BEIJING AS ONE OF HIS HOLINESS'
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OBJECTIVES WHILE IN THE U.S. IN VIEW OF THE
BYZANTINE FACTIONALISM OF THE TIBETAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY,
IT IS DIFFICULT FROM HERE TO JUDGE WHETHER SAMTEN'S
REMARKS REFLECT THE INTENTIONS OF HIS BROTHER AND/OR
THOSE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM OR MERELY SAMTEN'S OWN
HOPES FOR THE DALAI'S TRIP. SAMTEN'S ACTIVITIES INDI-
CATE THAT HE IS AMONG THOSE IN THE EXILE COMMUNITY WHO
SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EXILEES AND
BEIJING.
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