SOME REGULATIONS OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF GOOD AND CHATTELS CONFISCATED BY THE RED GUARDS IN THE GREAT CULTURAL REVOLUTION MOVEMENT

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Party committees at all levels, Party committees of all military districts, all provincial and municipal committees:

A request from the Cultural Revolution Group under the CCP Wuchow Municipal Committee in Kwangsi for instruction concerning the handling of goods and chattels confiscated by the Red Guards in the great cultural revolution movement is now transmitted to you for reference. To avoid losses of such goods and chattels, it is hoped that all places will deal with them as soon as possible. The Central Committee hereby makes the following decisions:

- (1) In regard to the goods and chattels confiscated from the landlord, rich-peasant, counter-revolutionary, bad, Rightist or other unlawful elements, apart from those articles for everyday use which should be returned to the owners, all should be surrendered to a higher level.
- (2) Goods and chattels which really belong to the revolutionary masses and the working people and have been wrongly confiscated should all be returned to the owners. In the event of loss or damage, compensation should be paid according to the value of the articles lost or damaged.
- (3) Those who have embezzled, stolen or confiscated goods and chattels for personal use should voluntarily return them for surrender to a higher level, otherwise they will be severely punished. However, in the case of small quantities of consumer goods and small sums of money which have been used by small

groups in the great cultural revolution, provided the circumstances have been explained, no further action will be taken.

(4) Landlord, rich-peasant, counter-revolutionary, bad, Rightist or other unlawful elements are not permitted to take advantage of the handling of confiscated goods and chattels to air grievances, counter-attack or settle accounts in the reverse, and all offenders will be severely punished.

(This document is issued to Party committees at all levels for internal handling).