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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

After the end of World War II a civil war broke out in China between the Nationalist government led by Chiang Kai-shek and Communist insurgents led by Mao Tse-tung. In December 1945 the U.S. sent General George Marshall to China to negotiate a cease-fire agreement. Under Marshall's guidance, the Nationalist and Communist factions established an Executive Headquarters at Peiping, China (also known as Peking or Beijing), in January 1946. The U.S. Army assigned military personnel to the Headquarters to help administer the cease-fire negotiations. U.S. forces were responsible for investigating incidents of violence between Nationalist and Communist forces. The U.S. also helped repatriate Japanese army personnel who had been left in China at the end of World War II.

The Nationalist and Communist officials did not negotiate in good faith and the cease-fire attempts failed after several months. Marshall left China in January 1947, and the U.S. withdrew its personnel from the Executive Headquarters in early February. The Communist forces renewed their offensive and gained control of all of Mainland China in 1949.

This collection consists of historical reports describing the activities of the U.S. Army at the Executive Headquarters at Peiping during 1946 and 1947. These are duplicate copies of the original reports that are at the National Archives as part of Record Group 338, Records of U.S. Army Commands. The reports contain extensive information on the conflict between the Nationalist and Communist forces, and the repatriation of Japanese nationals.

Additional information on the role of the U.S. Army in post-war China is in the records of the U.S. Army, Nanking (China) Headquarters Command, and in the papers of Henry Aurand.

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