FOREWORD

By His Holiness the Dalai Lama

In her 2010 book entitled *Tibet in Agony: Lhasa 1959*, the Chinese historian Li Jianglin presented conclusive research on the Tibetan popular uprising, the circumstances that led me to leave Lhasa for exile in India, the emergency situation in Tibet at that time, the attitudes of senior Chinese leaders, and so on. Presenting an honest and detailed account of the situation at that time, and informing historians in China especially, and the general reader, about the real situation, it was most beneficial.

Here, in Li Jianglin's second book, *China's Secret War in Tibet*, we have for the first time a Chinese historian presenting conclusive research on Tibet's recent history and the facts about China's military suppression of Tibet in the 1950s, in an unbiased and genuine manner. She has consulted a great many books and documents, public, private, and secret, as well as interviewing many persons involved in that history, in order to clarify many things about the events of that time. As I always say, "China's 1.3 billion people have a right to know what really happened, and I believe that if they could get an understanding of the real situation, they would be able to distinguish good from bad and truth from falsehood," and it is my hope that through this historical documentation establishing the truth of what happened, Chinese intellectuals, and all other readers, will come to understand the

real situation and be able to deepen their approach to and understanding of the Tibet problem in the spirit of seeking truth from facts.

With my praise and admiration for the author on the fruition of her many labors.

The Dalai Lama

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