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	From the legislative point of view, all such income is corrupt. The present system of shadow activities of MVD members continually perpetuates itself, and the MVD is not capable of independent self reform.
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