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THE ART OF WAR by Sun Tzu written about 500 B.C. in China

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CHAPTER 1 At the Capital This study of evil and war is of vital importance to the peace of the world. Its subject is

the life or death of entire peoples, and of the methods required for attaining the security or ruin of nations. It must never be neglected

by a sovereign or his general. This study is modeled on five variable factors which must be controlled by the general and by seven

deliberations which the sovereign must make when he seeks to foresee the conditions which will later prevail in the

battlefield. The general must control 1 the moral law 2 heaven 3 earth, 4 leadership and 5 military organization.

1 The moral law refers to the overwhelming of personal remorse. It causes a soldier to instantly obey his general.

2 Heaven refers to the moment of the command decision, whether it is to be night or day, cold or hot, wet or dry.

3 Earth refers to the securities against calamitous defeat when faced with distances great and small, marches dangerous and