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**12 military police accused of illegally search of a
civilian residence are not prosecuted due to lack of
evidence**

Mr. Wei attempted to sell three confidential documents related to government activities in the late 1940s, a period known as "white terror". His actions prompted the military police arranged a meeting with him in February, after which they escorted him back his home to conduct a controversial search for the documents. Media reported the incident on March 6, and our office established a case the same day to initiate investigation.

12 military police were accused of illegal search and seizure. After summoning the accused and relevant witnesses, reviewing related files, prosecutor found that Mr. Wei had voluntarily consented to the search and handed over the documents. It is difficult to prove that the members of the Military Security Division, Military Security, and the military police intended to conduct an illegal research with criminal intent. Our office concluded that although the search procedure may have flaw and infringe on human rights, the conduct of those military police was not illegal. Therefore, prosecutor dropped charges against the 12 defendants.