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1. North Koreans have difficulties in negotiations with Chinese:

North Korean

A North Korean military message of 1 February reports
Military ACORN that "Lee Sang-Jo has had difficulties in his negotiations
and other relations with the Chinese Government." Earlier
it was reported that the same official was having difficulty negotiating a
transfer from China to Korea of locomotives needed for moving the North
Korean VI, VII and VIII Corps.

Comment: This is the first clear North Korean statement
of difficulties in negotiations "and other relations" with the Chinese. The
question of allowing locomotives to be moved into Korean target areas has
probably been a most sensitive one for the Chinese. There are other indi-
cations of the maintenance of formalities; in mid-January, for example,
ferrying of aircraft was delayed because it was "impossible to arrange
border passage permits between Manchuria and Korea."