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2. Major Chinese Communist forces still in Wonsan area:

Chinese Communist Military
23, 27 Feb 51 ACORN

US Air Force
16 Mar 51 ACORN

Recently available messages indicate that Chinese Communist units have been reporting on UN naval activities off the North Korean east coast city of Wonsan and are concerned with the
two Chinese Communist divisions were deployed at that time in
the Wonsan area, with the mission of repelling an anticipated invasion.

Comment: The Chinese Communist 9th Army Group, representing the largest uncommitted Chinese
reserve force known to be in Korea, was identified in the Wonsan area
early in February. Subsequent reports indicated that elements of this
Army Group were moving south into central Korea to positions north of
the 38th Parallel. The continued presence of major Chinese Communist
units on defensive missions in the Wonsan area precludes their imme-
diate use as reinforcements in the front lines.

3. New air equipment may be arriving in North Korea:

North Korean Military
13 Mar 51 ACORN

US Air Force
16 Mar 51 ACORN

A North Korean message of 13 March
directed a North Korean ordnance
officer performing liaison duties at
Mukden to arrange transport of
“aerial bombs” and possibly heavy
equipment for the North Korean Air
Force to an unknown destination. Another 13 March message indicates
that equipment and “powder,” possibly for aviation purposes, had
crossed the border at Antung and was being transported southward.
On 14 March, the North Korean Air Division commander at Sinuiju was
told to dispatch trucks loaded with rocket shells to Pyongyang.

Comment: These and other messages
indicate that the North Koreans are receiving more ordnance and that
ammunition for the Air Force may be going to Korea. Any attempt to
stage operations from Korean fields would necessitate the storing of
bombs and other equipment.

Some type of ground-to-air rocket
may have been included in shipments to Korea. On two recent occasions
UN pilots observed rocket-like objects approaching them over north-
west Korea.