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3. Indications of Communist offensive in Korea noted:

Additional evidence of Communist preparations for a new offensive has appeared in communications intelligence and in recent prisoner of war reports.

The Chinese Communist communication net changed callsigns on 9 August and a sharp drop in Chinese Communist signal activity was reported in the period from 22 to 24 August. It is noteworthy that the Communists have usually changed callsigns and limited radio transmission in the period preceding an offensive.

A message from the North Korean Ministry of Transportation reveals that a political conference is to be held shortly in North Korea. In the past, the holding of such a conference has been a pre-offensive indicator.

In addition, both Chinese Communist and North Korean prisoners of war captured during August have reported enemy plans for a "sixth phase offensive" to be launched on or about 1 September.