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9. KOREA. Chinese Communist 39th Army probably has low combat effectiveness: Two Chinese Communist messages of 25 and 26 November indicate that the Chinese Communist 39th Army, which has just resumed an operational status in Korea, may be undergoing a further reorganization.

One message stated that "the 39th Army . . . because they have just recently taken over . . . are not sure of their capabilities and supplies." The earlier message queried as to whether "the suggestion to reorganize the 39th Army (has) been adopted" (SUEDE AS CM IN 56836, 29 Nov 51)

Comment: Although far from conclusive, these messages would seem to indicate that the 39th Army has returned to an operational status probably with a low degree of combat effectiveness.

The 39th Army, last located in the Pyongyang area, was withdrawn from combat in the early summer of this year and has probably been undergoing rehabilitation in North Korean rear areas.

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