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1. More Soviet light bombers fly to China:US Air Force  
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In addition to flights of twenty TU-2 light bombers from Chita, in the Soviet Far East, to China in late November, seventeen more TU-2's in two flights were scheduled to leave Chita for Peiping in the first week of December. The aircraft leading these two flights appear to be part of the Soviet Far Eastern air force.

Comment: The arrival of these aircraft may be connected with a build-up of bomber strength in the Chinese Communist Air Force, following the build-up of jet fighter strength. The Chinese Communist Air Force is already estimated to have 150 TU-2's. On two occasions in November, Chinese TU-2 bombers were used against UN-held islands off northwest Korea.

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