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1. Soviet air defense unit probably participating in Korean war:

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Boundary R. 34
controls Communist jet combat operations in northwestern Korea.

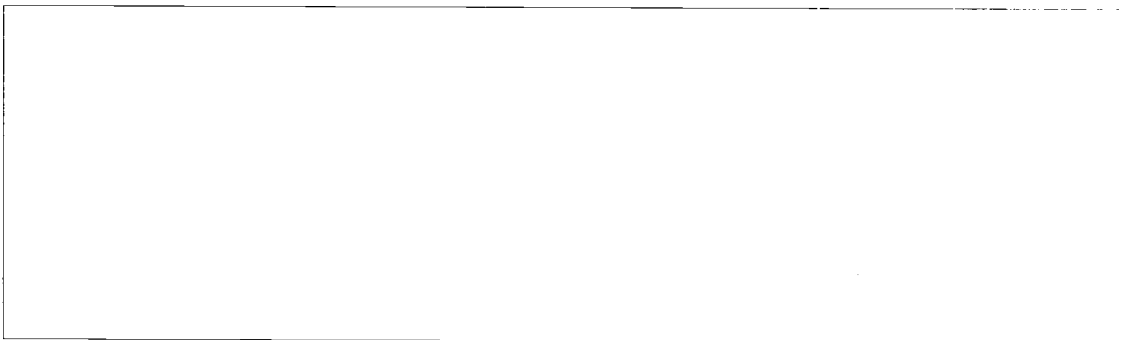
Traffic analysis strongly indicates that about mid-November 1951 an air defense commander subordinate to the Soviet 5th Fleet moved from the Port Arthur Naval Base to Antung, which controls Communist jet combat operations in northwestern Korea.

At the same time, aircraft of a 5th Fleet fighter division appear to have moved from Port Arthur into the combat area and to have begun to communicate on the GCI net centered at Antung. Beginning shortly thereafter, there were frequent Chinese Communist references to flights of "Soviet" MIG-15's in the combat area.

Comment: This is the first indication of the direct participation of an air defense organization of the Soviet Armed Forces in Korean air operations.

The 5th Fleet air defense officer in question apparently continues to communicate with his Soviet superiors. It is probable that his presence in the Antung area represents either an attempt to give him and his personnel combat experience, or a measure to establish closer Soviet control over that portion of the combat operations which are considered a Soviet responsibility.

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