SECTION 2 (EASTERN)

1. KOREA. BW scare continues to occupy Communists in Korea:
   A long detailed 6 March message from the North Korean 23rd
   Brigade to one of its subordinate battalions suggested
   preventive measures to be used against bacteria allegedly
dropped by UN aircraft. The report stated that "three
persons... became suddenly feverish and their nervous
system have benumbed." After treatment, "two persons alive
and one dead." The report concluded with the astounding
statement that "the government will soon take pictures of
specific appearance of the germs collectively and correct
photographic data will be provided."

   Another manifestation of the theme is a 1 March query
   from Pyongyang to a North Korean air unit at Sariwon, in the
   supposedly contaminated area, "Have you not had any victims
as a result of certain bacteria weapons?" (SUEDE 324,
   1 Mar; 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-H-184, 6 Mar 52)

   Comment: Enemy messages have not yet mentioned epidemic
   conditions in North Korea. There is no doubt, however, that
the enemy has succeeded in convincing his troops that BW
agents are being used against him.