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6. Chinese Communist rocket launcher regiment moving to east central front: A message from an unidentified Chinese Communist artillery regiment on 30 May described in great detail its planned route to the 7th Artillery Division Headquarters on the east central front. This message, on a communications net which indicates that the originating unit may be the 202nd regiment of the 21st Rocket Launcher Division, said that the move to the east central front would be accomplished in four days. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3252, 30 May 52)

Comment: The various regiments of the 21st Rocket Launcher Division were placed under the command of conventional artillery divisions in mid-April. At that time the 202nd Rocket Launcher Regiment was subordinate to the 2nd Artillery Division then on the west central front in support of the 39th and 64th Armies, and the 203rd Artillery Regiment was under the command of the 7th Artillery Division on the east central front behind the 12th Army. This message is a strong indication that the 202nd Artillery Regiment will relieve the 203rd Regiment on the east central front.

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7. Chinese Communist message indicates additional forward artillery regiment moving to East Central Front: According to a 26 May Chinese Communist message passed between two unidentified units, the 209th Artillery Regiment "will start to move on the 31st day. On the second of June, the entire unit shall have left." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3327, 29 May 52)

Comment: Recent messages have revealed that the 209th Artillery Regiment is in very close association with, and probably subordinate to, the 202nd Regiment of the 21st Rocket Launcher Division. As the latter regiment, while completing a four-day move to the area of the 7th Artillery Division on the east central front, was apparently in physical contact with the 209th Regiment throughout the move, it is very probable that both regiments are to be located in the same area.

8. Front-line Chinese Communist artillery regiment will send personnel to training school: A 30 May message from the headquarters of the 27th Artillery Regiment headquarters to its forward command post states that a training school of "short duration" will be opened in the middle of June in a small town near Pyongyang. A detachment of 25 men "of high educational standards," including 5 platoon grade officers, will apparently be sent to the school. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3090, 31 May 52)

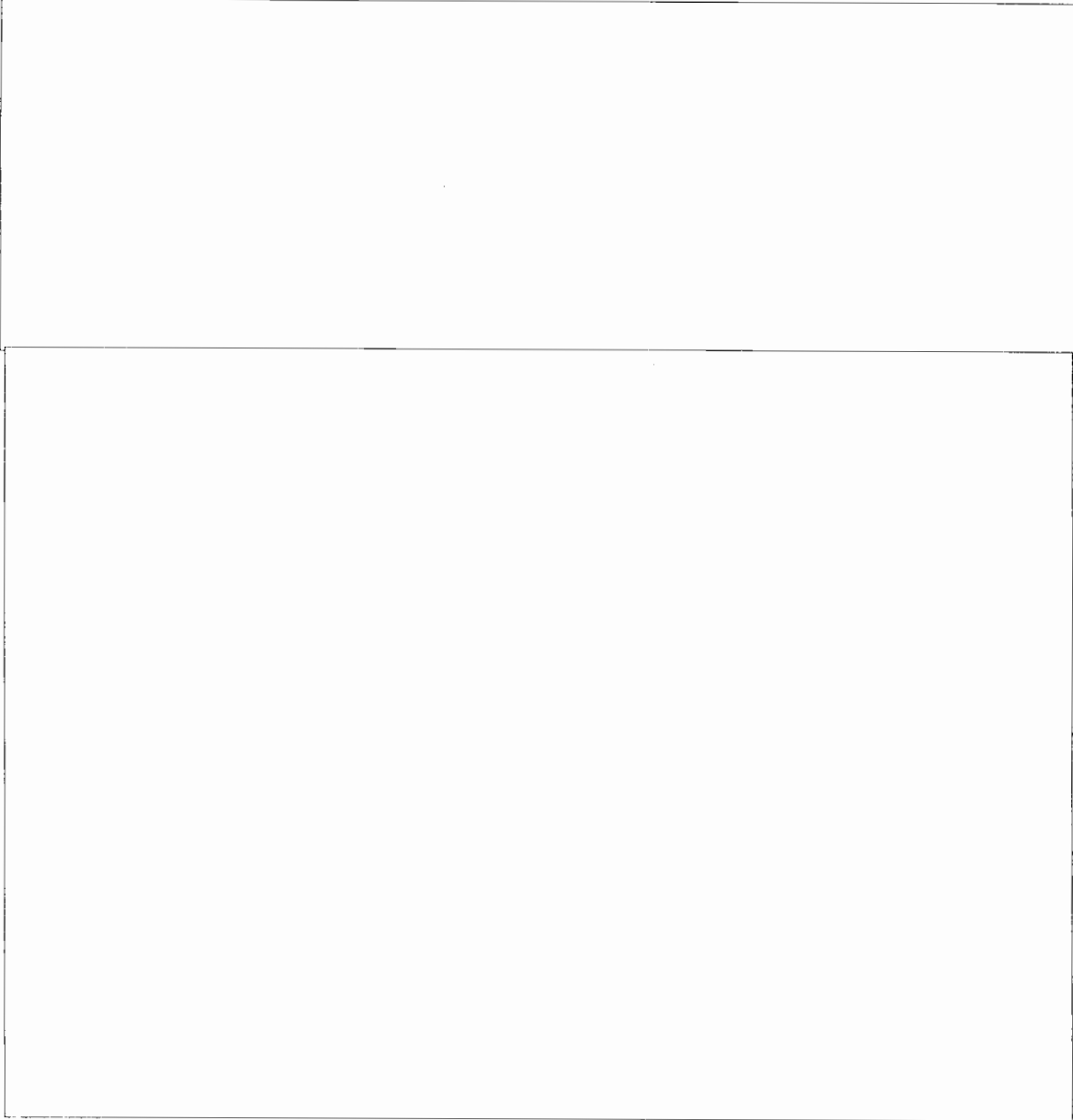
Comment: The 27th Artillery Regiment is on the line west of Chorwon supporting the 39th Army. The continued training activity for front line units possibly indicates that an offensive is not imminent.

9. Chinese Communist forces in Korea continue to plant vegetable gardens: A Chinese Communist unit in Korea, possibly an element of the 8th Artillery Division, stated on 30 May that "the first battalion has lost the receipt for their purchase of their vegetable seeds." The originator then asks if it would be possible to use the amount appearing on a former receipt. (SUEDE ROK Int Group M (thru 501st Comm Recon Grp) K-3404, 31 May 52)

Comment: Previous intercepts have revealed that in militarily static or defensive situations both North Korean

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and Chinese units have started vegetable gardens. This message apparently indicates a continuation of the Communists' program for partial self-sufficiency.



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