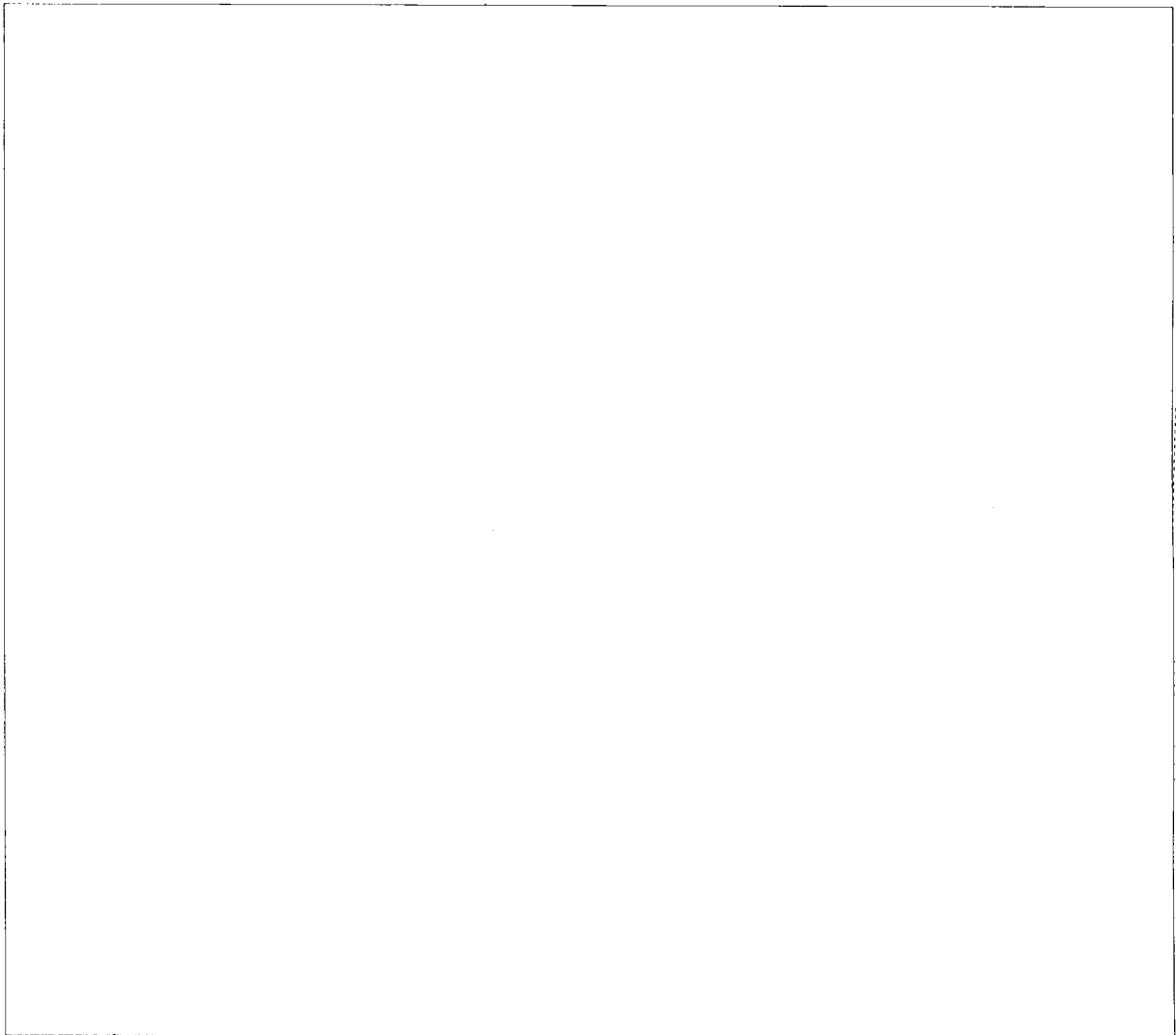


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7. Chinese Communists order road reconnaissance in Kumsong area: A message passed on 16 June over the 21st Rocket Launcher Division net ordered a subordinate unit to "reconnoiter very quickly conditions on the road passing down through Kumsong. . ."

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The following day, another message stated that the Volunteer Headquarters had requested particulars on the road at Kumsong. Information required "this afternoon" included the width and condition of the roads, and the number passable in spring and summer. The message further stated: "We are prepared to enter battle at any time." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3932 and K-3945, 17 June 52)

Comment: This urgent request for information on highways in the Kumsong sector may indicate enemy intentions to conduct more extensive operations in this area.

In the past few weeks hostilities have increased in the Kumsong area, where two Chinese Communist armies are deployed facing the ROK II Corps.

8. Artillery fire directions in Russian noted in Korea: A Russian-language radiotelephone conversation was intercepted in Korea on 14 April by an unverifiable source. The transmission seemed to be disguised field artillery fire directions passed between a forward observer, a unit commander, and battery positions. (SUEDE AFSA RU-TIS 2132, 17 June 52)

Comment: No similar transmissions have been reported prior to or since this date. The intercepted conversation suggests a field artillery unit of battalion-size or less going into firing position, adjusting fire, and firing a mission.

There is no confirmation of the presence of Soviet artillery units in Korea, other than antiaircraft artillery. A recent intelligence report, however, stated that Soviet artillery was moving toward the front in early May.

9. Chinese Communist front line petroleum build-up in Korea continues: The headquarters of the 7th Artillery Division, located on the eastern front in Korea, on 11 June indicated that it had stored 1,000 barrels of gasoline. It also reported that its 20th Artillery Regiment had already transported an additional 700 barrels. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3849, 15 June 52)

Comment: The storage of 1,000 barrels of gasoline by the 7th Artillery Division represents approximately 50,000 gallons for the 418 operable vehicles of the division. A recently reported "Volunteer Headquarters" directive requires each unit to store two months' supply of food, ammunition and petroleum.

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10. New Soviet jet fighter units in Manchuria believed at Tungfeng: Russian voice traffic passed on the GCI net in Manchuria and Korea during May indicated that the three new jet fighter units which appeared on 21 April were based at Tungfeng, in central Manchuria, according to the US Air Force. These units have been used for night combat flights and day-light border patrols over Korea in recent weeks. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 117, 17 June 52)

Comment: There are nine units now active on this Russian GCI net, which directs the majority of the enemy fighters encountered by US-UN aircraft over Korea. In March there were six units operating under the control of this net based at Yalu River fields or Anshan. All, with the possible exception of one, were equipped with MIG-15's.

11. Dairen-based jet fighters fly to Mukden: A Chinese Communist message scheduled four Soviet MIG-15 jet fighters for a flight on 16 June from Dairen to Mukden and back. According to the Air Force, these aircraft are subordinate to one of the Soviet 5th Fleet units which moved to the Antung area in late 1951 and later returned to Dairen. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 117, 17 June 52)

Comment: These are the first flights observed this year of Soviet MIG-15's from Dairen to other points in Manchuria. In the fall of 1951, however, there were several flights totalling at least 60 aircraft from Dairen to Antung.

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