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12. Chinese Communist artillery unit hampered by swollen North Korean rivers: A message passed between two units of the Chinese Communist 1st Artillery Division on 25 August stated that "if the river does not subside, we will be unable to transport ammunition for half a month." The originator mentioned an alternate route which he thought might be passable" even though it continues to rain." (CANOE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, L [] T221, 25 Aug 52)

Comment: United Nations visual air reconnaissance has indicated that the current rainy season in Korea and the concomitant flood conditions have caused considerable damage to bridges and road nets in Communist territory. The enemy, however, is believed to have stockpiled sufficient rations and ammunition in forward areas to last through the rainy season.

13. Power shortage affects communications in Manchuria: A Chinese Communist shipping message from the Manchurian port of Yingkou to coastal vessels and shore stations stated that "this station is subject to recent frequent power cut-offs, at irregular times." (CANOE CCS-497, Yingkou-All coastal Ships and Shore Stations, 13 Aug 52)

Comment: The power shortage in Manchuria, which has been chronic for several years, was aggravated by the recent UN bombing of the Yalu River installations. A campaign to conserve electricity in the area is now under way.

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