6. North Korean antiaircraft defenses may be organized on a Supreme Command level: A 4 September message from an unidentified North Korean unit was addressed to the "Antiaircraft Artillery Department Chief." (CANOE L/5531, 4 Sept 52)

Comment: This message suggests that the five, or possibly six, independent North Korean antiaircraft artillery regiments are subordinate to a major headquarters similar to the "Artillery" and "Armored" Commands at Supreme Headquarters. Previous antiaircraft artillery messages have also indicated the possibility of a divisional echelon.

7. Chinese Communist paratroop capability assessed: Communist China has 138 twin-engine transports which could be used for paratroop operations, according to a recent analysis of intercepted messages. If based on airfields in southern Manchuria, these aircraft could carry at least 2,200 paratroopers to the front lines in Korea on a single flight. The Communists have as many as 244 conventional
bombers which could be used to drop supplies. (CANOE 6920
Security Grp Johnson AFB Japan, AP 848, 5 Sept 52)

Comment: Chinese Communist messages have identified
only one airborne division, and paratroop training has
been undertaken at three separate installations. No
strength figures are available from communications intelli-
gence, but estimates based on other sources have put over-
all paratroop strength as high as 25,000 men.