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4. Possible movement of North Korean aircraft into Korea noted:

Air Force: On 27 July two North Korean aircraft, possibly TU-2's, were noted airborne in the Antung area and may have landed at Ulju, just south of the Yalu River, at 8:55 p.m., according to intercepted flight service messages. Other call signs noted suggest that three IL-28 twin-jet bombers and three MIG-15's took off from the Antung field at approximately the same time.

Comment: The cease-fire agreement went into effect on 27 July at 10:00 p.m. The armistice agreement prohibits any subsequent movement of aircraft into Korea.

No combat aircraft have been based on North Korean airfields since early in the war. It has long been suspected that the Communists would move across the border at the last moment all North Korean planes hitherto based in Manchuria. The North Korean air force possesses at least 150 MIG-15's, 39 IL-28's and 13 TU-2's.