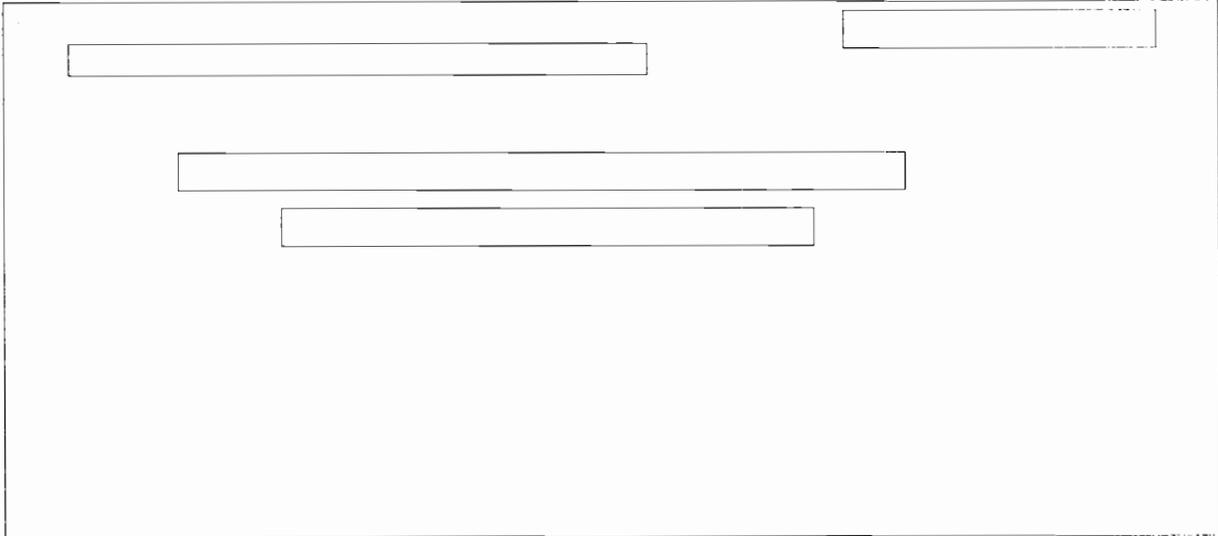
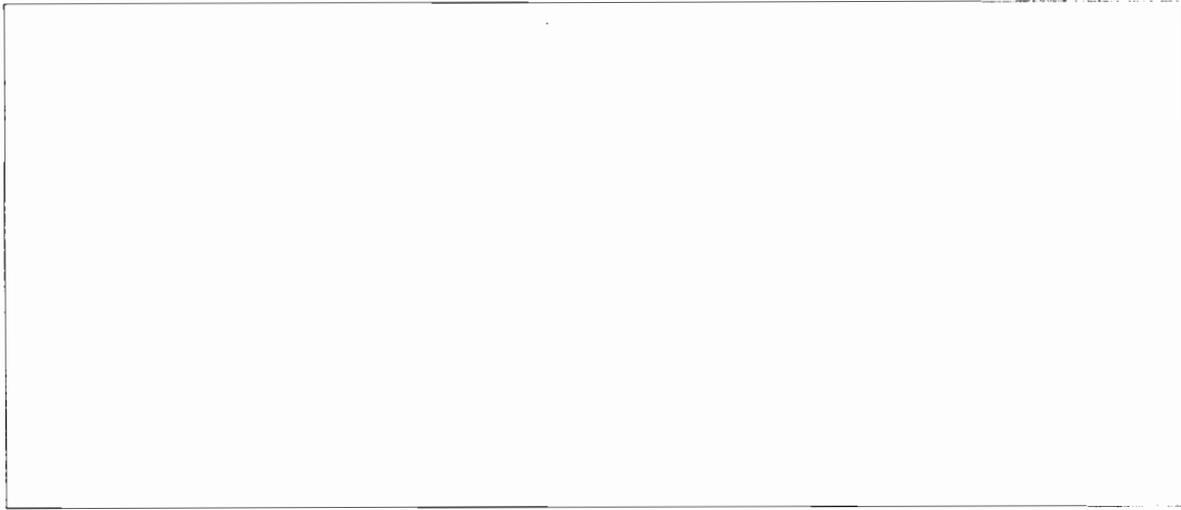


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17. KOREA. Extensive Communist military activity in Wonsan area reported: US naval units in the Wonsan area report "extensive Communist activity south of Wonsan airfield," with beach defenses being strengthened. In addition, ROK marines garrisoning an island in Wonsan bay report a large volume of Chinese traffic being heard on ROK radio sets (range of 3 to 5 miles) since 18 September. [redacted]

Comment: The Wonsan area has always been considered by the Communists as particularly vulnerable to a UN amphibious attack. Fear of such

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action has induced them to deploy a sizeable force in a static coastal defense mission. The rise in the volume of Chinese communications heard by the ROK marines may have been occasioned by a redeployment of Chinese units through Wonsan. The Chinese Communist 20th Army is known to be in the Wonsan area.

18. Major Chinese Communist unit reported entering northeastern Korea: [redacted] a "large unidentified force of Chinese Communist troops" arrived at Chongjin, a coastal city in northeastern Korea, in early September.

[redacted] there were no Chinese Communists in this area during the period 15 to 25 August. [redacted]

Comment: While there is no confirmation of this reported troop movement, Communist forces have used the Korean east coast route from northeastern Manchuria for previous moves of major units.

19. New North Korean divisions reported in northeastern Korea: [redacted] an unknown number of divisions, "formerly provincial security units," completed training in northeastern Korea and departed for an area south of Wonsan before 31 August.

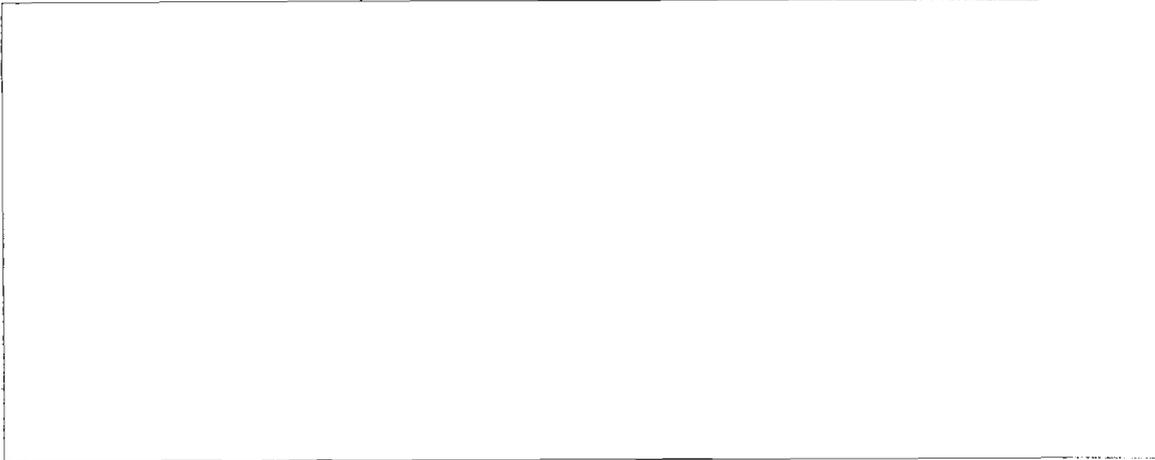
Comment: Despite frequent reports concerning the formation of new North Korean divisions, no new major North Korean unit has been identified recently. Since it is known that replacement training occurs in northeastern Korea, these troops were probably destined as individual replacements for the four North Korean corps on the eastern front.

20. Quality of enemy agents improved: [redacted] while fewer enemy agents were taken during the period 3 August to 10 September, the quality and methods of operation of those captured are "decidedly improved."

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Comment: Previously the enemy has employed the "saturation" technique by using a great many low level, ill-trained agents with a limited mission in the immediate vicinity of the battle line. The appearance of improved front-line espionage techniques may be expected to enhance the enemy's capability in this sector.



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