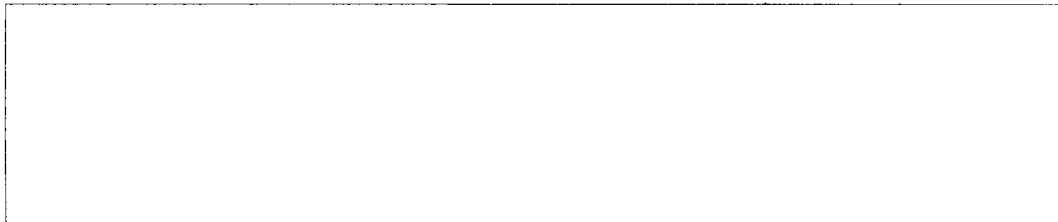


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3. Urgent air preparations being undertaken by enemy forces in Korea:

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Recent radio intercepts, as reported by CINCFE, Tokyo, indicate that airfield construction within North Korea continues to be pushed. Chinese Communist troops and troops of the North Korean VI Corps are being used as laborers in what appears to be a concerted effort to meet a 31 March deadline. Another significant message re-

ported by CINCFE discloses that ground-to-air liaison signals are to be established by Communist forces in North Korea.

Other intercepted radio traffic reveals flights of MIG-15 jet fighters southward from Anshan to Antung (in Manchuria, just across the Yalu River from Sinuiju) on 28 March. Additional arrivals were expected at Antung on 29 March or later. CINCFE reports intercepts indicating that almost 3800 tons of kerosene, possibly jet fuel, have arrived at Antung. (Such a quantity of jet fuel is believed to be sufficient to support the operation of at least 125 jet fighter aircraft for a period of one month.)

Comment: According to previous indications, for the past several months North Korean and Chinese Communist air units in Manchuria have been intensifying their training activity, and have been nearing the conclusion of preparations for combat. This recent information further confirms the impression that an imminent, significant increase in combat air activity over Korea is planned by the enemy.

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