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10. KOREA. North Korean combat corps receive additional weapons: A 1 August message from the North Korean artillery commander at Front Line Headquarters to the artillery staff at Supreme Headquarters in Pyongyang reports the receipt, between 21 and 30 July, of 10,480 (machine guns?), 163 anti-aircraft rifles (?), 31 122-mm artillery (howitzers ?) and 194 anti-tank rifles. (SUEDE, [redacted] 104, 1 Aug 51).

Comment: It is believed that this report probably refers to rifles instead of machine guns, and anti-aircraft machine guns instead of rifles. The presence of 31 medium artillery pieces (122-mm howitzers) in the forward areas— if confirmed— will considerably increase the fire power of the three North Korean corps under Front Line Headquarters.

11. Gas shortage plagues Communist delegation at Kaesong: An 8 August message from the Kaesong Conference Group to Pyongyang deplores the fact that "communications work" is in poor condition "due to the lack of gasoline." (SUEDE, [redacted] 4134, 8 Aug 51).

Comment: Gasoline shortages have been a constant difficulty to Communist forces in Korea for more than 6 months.

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