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11. KOREA. Chinese Communist 40th Army identified on western security duty:
 A preliminary field translation of an 8 November North Korean message reveals that the Chinese Communist forces sent into western Hwanghae province to engage UN guerillas and for coastal security purposes were elements of the 40th Army. The message, from an unidentified North Korean battalion commander, reports that "information on the left defense sector of the reconnaissance group has been verbally turned over to the 40th Army of the Volunteer forces." (SUEDE CM IN 58469, 11 Nov 51)

Comment: The southward deployment of this Chinese Communist Army, formerly in Sariwon, coupled with the eastward movement of major elements of the Chinese Communist 3rd Composite Army Group into the central sector, materially reduces known Communist reserves for offensive action in the western sector.

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