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Imminent intensification of active North Korean air operations is indicated by an order received by the "Division Commander of Air." On 20 August, he was instructed to "immediately deploy to Kumsan airfield [about 100 miles west of Taegu] and go into action."

These operations will probably considerably exceed the current sporadic air activity, such as yesterday's attack on the HMS COMUS by two Yak fighters, and will probably include night operations.

Last week we reported North Korean directives for training and for the preparation of airfields and airfield facilities. A 19 August flight training progress report stated, "We need three more days," and there has been a recent request for information on the tactics of U. S. bomber formations. On 21 August, U. S. air reconnaissance disclosed the construction of revetments at several North Korean airfields.

This information has been disseminated to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the intelligence organizations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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