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1. Breakdown of Soviet and Caucasian troops in North Korea estimated:[redacted]  
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The US Far East Command estimates, [redacted]

[redacted] that a total of 25,900 Soviet or Caucasian personnel are in Korea.

Soviet personnel in Korea, numbering 15,400, are listed as follows:

Three antiaircraft divisions, unidentified -- 6,000  
 One security or infantry regiment, in northeastern Korea -- 1,500  
 Military advisers -- 2,000  
 Engineers - 1,500  
 Supply, counterespionage, local security -- 1,500  
 Coastal defense, artillery and antiaircraft artillery (separate from antiaircraft personnel listed above) -- 1,500  
 Signal and radar -- 1,000  
 Civilian advisers -- 400

Caucasian elements, numbering 10,500, are believed to be assigned as follows:

One artillery division, unidentified - 5,000  
 Other capacities (ground and air) -- 5,000  
 Hospital and medical -- 500

The Caucasians are believed to be advance elements of a "Soviet Puppet Force;" according to the Far East Command, additional reports indicate the presence in or imminent movement to Korea of troops that would fall into the classification of Caucasian members of a "Soviet puppet army." Information concerning the existence of an organic, tactical "Soviet Puppet Force" continues to be inconclusive.

Comment: While this estimate of the number of Soviet troops in Korea cannot be verified, their number undoubtedly has risen sharply during 1951. No Soviet or Caucasian combat unit has been positively identified in Korea.

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