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8. CHINA/KOREA. More "Soviet" MIG-15's arrive at Antung for combat. A field unit reports interception of a message announcing the arrival of 36 "Soviet" MIG-15 aircraft at Antung on 17 November. On the same day, two groups of 36 and 34 "Soviet" MIG-15's departed Antung for combat, and on the following day one group of 16 similarly-defined MIG-15's were reported departing from Antung, also for combat. (SUEDE AFSA-251, 1745Z, 19 Nov 51)

Comments: This is the third report on the Chinese Communist Air Force network suggesting an increase in commitment of Soviet-manned jet fighters to combat in the area since the beginning of October.

Previously reported have been the flight of at least 30 MIG-15's from the Soviet-occupied Port Arthur-Dairen area to Antung early in October and a flight of 19 MIG-15's from Port Arthur to Antung on 12 November.

Soviet personnel have been flying combat missions from the Antung area since the spring of 1951. Chinese ground nets have referred to some flights by these aircraft as "allied" or "friendly" flights. The exact subordination of jet aircraft referred to as "Soviet" is not known.

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