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3. Report of "swept-wing aircraft" on Haeju airfield believed erroneous:

The US Fifth Air Force in Korea reports that the 7 December sighting by a US reconnaissance bomber crew of nine "swept-wing aircraft" on an airfield near Haeju, 75 miles from Seoul, has now been discredited. It is believed that formations of ice and snow on the ground may have given the air crew members a false impression. In addition, it is doubtful that jet aircraft could operate from this field.

4. Soviet air division reported in North China:

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aircraft which participated in this flight are tentatively identified as MIG-9's, an older model jet fighter inferior to the MIG-15.

A Chinese Communist message of 10 December reports the scheduling of a flight of ten aircraft of "the friendly Soviet fighter division" to fly from Tangshan to Peiping the next day. The

Comment: This is the first message in which the Chinese Communists specifically designate a unit as "Soviet", although since November there have been many references to "Soviet" planes. Soviet air personnel have long been actively engaged in operations from Manchuria.

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