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CIB3. Chinese Communists order road reconnaissance in Kumsong area:US Army Korea
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A message passed on 16 June over the 21st Rocket Launcher Division net ordered a subordinate unit to "reconnoiter very quickly conditions on the road passing down through Kumsong . . ."

The following day, another message stated that the Volunteer Headquarters had requested particulars on the road at Kumsong. Information required "this afternoon" included the width and condition of the roads, and the number passable in spring and summer. The message further stated: "We are prepared to enter battle at any time."

Comment: This urgent request for information on highways in the Kumsong sector may indicate enemy intentions to conduct more extensive operations in this area.

In the past few weeks hostilities have increased in the Kumsong area, where two Chinese Communist armies are deployed facing the ROK II Corps.

4. Artillery fire directions in Russian noted in Korea:Armed Forces
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forward observer, a unit commander, and battery positions.

A Russian-language radiotelephone conversation was intercepted in Korea on 14 April by an unverifiable source. The transmission seemed to be disguised field artillery fire directions passed between a forward observer, a unit commander, and battery positions.

Comment: No similar transmissions have been reported prior to or since this date. The intercepted conversation suggests a field artillery unit of battalion-size or less going into firing position, adjusting fire, and firing a mission.

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There is no confirmation of the presence of Soviet artillery units in Korea, other than antiaircraft artillery. A recent intelligence report, however, stated that Soviet artillery was moving toward the front in early May.

5. Rhee reportedly plans to discredit American Ambassador:

[redacted] President Rhee is determined to build a case charging American Ambassador Muccio with interference in South Korean politics, [redacted]

learned from [redacted] Police have been collecting information on all Korean employees at American installations, subjecting many of them to interrogation, and have maintained a close watch on those in the American Embassy.

Comment: A plan to discredit Ambassador Muccio can not be confirmed. However, Rhee has told a ranking UN official that there was "corruption" in the American Embassy.

The Embassy has reported police surveillance during the past weeks, and some Korean employees have been subjected to pressure.

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