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8. Communists in Korea emphasize antiaircraft operations: Recent Communist intercepts reveal that the enemy is placing increasing emphasis on antiaircraft operations. On 12 July, a North Korean message stated that an antiaircraft battalion of the 9th Division should be ready for the inspection of the "antiaircraft department chief" on 20 to 22 July. Another Korean intercept on the same day detailed "the cruel enemy planes' bombardment" of Pyongyang and ordered all unit commanders to augment their camouflage efforts and to strengthen "the watch service for enemy planes."

Still another Korean message on 12 July instructed artillery battalion commanders "to enforce the counter-air camouflage campaign, AAA unit activity and effective blackout in order to prevent damage to troop combat facilities."

Elements of the Chinese Communist 1st Artillery Division also expressed concern over inadequate defenses. The Chinese commander requested that the fire power of his unit be strengthened as even low-flying UN reconnaissance planes "can not be hit." (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT 085, 13 July; SK-L-322, 12 July; K-426, 14 July; 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea 15RSM/415, 14 July 52)

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