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4. North Korean military training in Manchuria reportedly continues: During the late summer of 1952, 18,000 recently inducted Korean residents of Manchuria were training at Mutanchiang in northeast Manchuria. [redacted]

[redacted] The training cadre for this force was augmented by 250 officers and NCO's from the deactivated North Korean VI and VIII Corps.

An additional 60,000 men were to be drafted by February 1953. These Koreans, born and trained in Manchuria, will be held in strategic reserve to be deployed only in case of a major UN land or amphibious offensive. [redacted]

Comment: In 1950 there were an estimated 200,000 Koreans fit for military service in Manchuria. Since this manpower pool has been drawn on continuously by the North Korean Army, it is doubtful that an additional 78,000 could be obtained by February 1953.

The North Korean Army is presently able to more than replace its casualties with trainees, as an estimated 6,000 recruits become available monthly.

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