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1. USSR orders substantial fuel shipments to Korea:

<p>Soviet Internal 29 Sept 53 FROTH Ft - 18253/53</p>	<p>A 29 September message from Moscow ordered the chief of customs in Grodokovo in the Maritime Territory to release to North Korea 8,000 tons of jet fuel T-1, 10,000 tons of motor gasoline, and 1,000 tons of bunker oil.</p>
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Comment: The amount of jet fuel mentioned would provide for up to 8,000 hours of jet fighter flying time. The North Korean air force is currently estimated to have 170 MIG-15's and 40 jet light bombers.

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2. Chinese people being told Korean truce is temporary:

[redacted] reports that Chinese Communist officials there are stating in public that the Korean truce is only temporary, as it will "inevitably be broken by Americans."

[redacted] according to the North Korean pilot who defected to the West recently, military units in North Korea are being told that the truce is merely a breathing spell. [redacted] believes that such statements may indicate a Communist intention to break the truce, but that they are more probably intended to keep the troops alert and to get the populace to perform tasks set by the State.

Comment: Communist internal propaganda throughout the period of the truce talks followed a similar line.

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