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4. North Korean light bombers may be based at Pyongyang:

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A message from a North Korean anti-aircraft unit intercepted on 28 October stated that seven "TU Type-2" aircraft were scheduled to "fly from Pyongyang."

Comment: The aircraft mentioned are probably TU-2 twin-engine light bombers. The North Korean air force has approximately 30 of these planes, last known to have been based at Kungchuling in Manchuria.

Messages intercepted since the armistice suggest that some TU-2's have been transferred to the Antung area. The above message is the first indication that TU-2 bombers are now operating inside Korea and may actually be based there.

The North Korean air force presently has 150 jet fighters and 100 conventional fighters and ground-attack aircraft based in Korea, whereas less than a dozen were known to be there prior to the armistice.

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