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14. KOREA. New North Korean Air Force organization indicated: A North Korean Air Force officer was instructed in an 8 January message from Sinuiju to Pyongyang to "join the fighter wing with the fighter group which is in the 10th Division." (SUEDE AS CM IN 7633, Sinuiju-Pyongyang, 29 Jan 52)

Comment: Identified North Korean Air Force Divisions are the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and IA-Divisions; no "10th Division" is known. A possibility exists that the 10th Division mentioned is the 10th Infantry Division, located in the Chongchon river area in northwestern Korea. This general area has been the site of considerable Communist Air Force activity in airfield construction, early warning, and ground-controlled intercept radar work.

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15. North Korean "bomber regiment" addressed at Pyongyang: A 21 January message from North Korean Air Headquarters in Sinuiju to the Supreme Command Air Department in Pyongyang addresses the "Commander, 3rd Bomber Regiment." (SUEDE [] 226 Sinuiju-Pyongyang, 21 Jan 52)

Comment: Despite previous mention of a "bomber unit" in the North Korean Air Force, there is no evidence of the existence of such a unit equipped with bomber-type aircraft. It is entirely possible that the unit referred to is the one which utilizes obsolescent PO-2 biplanes to make sporadic harassing raids on UN installations.

16. Desertions continue to worry North Korean training unit: Desertions among new trainees in the North Korean 7th Railroad Regiment are to be prevented by enlisting "many an informer" and making the "guard work closer," according to a 29 January North Korean message. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea, CM IN 8540, 1 Feb 52)

Comment: The 7th and 8th Regiments of the North Korean Railroad Security Division have been plagued with a high desertion rate.

17. Communists "re-educate" South Korean citizens: Approximately 100 teachers and educational administrators from Communist-liberated areas gathered on 31 January in Kaesong for a indoctrination training course, according to a plain-text Communist news message of 2 February. The program, to teach "democratic education and procedures of advanced teaching," was instituted in anticipation of the renewal of the educational system on 28 February in this area. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea, CM IN 9163, 3 Feb 52)

Comment: South Korea west of the Imjin river is to be held by the Communists under the current cease-fire line agreement. The setting up of a Communist-type educational system in this area may provide some indication of the permanence with which the enemy seems to regard its possession of this territory.

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