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SECTION 2 (EASTERN)

1. KOREA. Chinese unit receives air-ground liaison personnel:
A Chinese Communist message of 25 February, probably between an unidentified regiment and its parent division, listed the number of "third section personnel received in the February allotment" (third section is probably concerned with communications). Included in this list were "nine air-ground liaison men." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea, K-1190, 29 Feb 52)

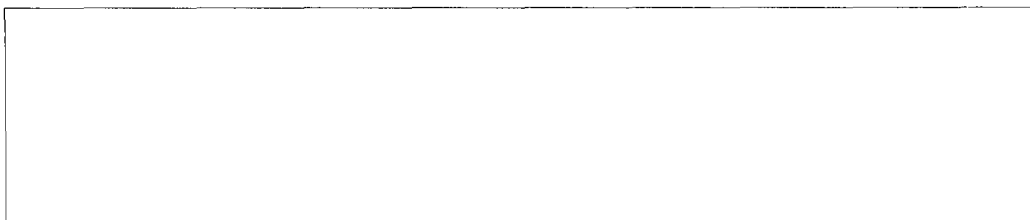
Comment: The receipt of nine air-ground liaison men in a single month at a Chinese Communist regimental level is an indication that the enemy has not abandoned his hope of employing aircraft over the front lines.

This message cannot be considered a firm indication of intent to commit airpower at the front, however, because numerous previous messages, captured documents and POW's have mentioned the existence of an air-ground liaison set-up in the Communist armies.

2. USSR probably controls Korean air war from Mukden: The US Air Force believes that the USSR probably exercises over-all command control over enemy air combat operations in Korea from a combined Soviet-Chinese-Korean air headquarters located in Mukden. In addition, examination by the Air Force of traffic on the Communist ground-control-intercept radio net in Korea and Manchuria now strongly indicates participation of Russian, Chinese and Korean personnel, including pilots, in air combat activities. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 44, 2139Z, 3 Mar 52)

Comment: This combined headquarters at Mukden presumably commands the jet fighter units of the Chinese, Korean and Soviet Air Forces based at combat airfields in the Antung area.

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