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10. Chinese jet division mentioned in Korean messages: Korean Air Force messages of 31 January indicate that the Chinese Communist 14th Division is still at Takushan (near Antung) and that the two air forces are cooperating more closely. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 25, 2238Z, 4 Feb 52)

Comment: The 14th Division is apparently not moving to China proper, as tentatively indicated by a message of 1 January.

Greater activity by Korean air units based in Manchuria was noted recently, and this increase probably requires more Sino-Korean coordination.

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11. KOREA. "New Chinese Communist unit" proves to be an old one: A second version of a 27 January Chinese Communist message refers to the "5th Company of our 345th Regiment" in relation to a Communist defensive position. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea CM IN 9357, 4 Feb 52)

Comment: The earlier version of this message listed the Chinese Communist unit as the "34th Regiment" subordinate to the 4th Army, neither previously identified in Korea. (See Daily Digest Special Supplement, 4 Feb 52.) The Chinese Communist 345th regiment is subordinate to the 115th Division, 39th Army, long in Korea and currently in contact with UN forces in western Korea.

12. North Korean armored division may be on the move: The North Korean commander of the "131st Division" was requested by a subordinate unit to provide nine vehicles to move artillery. FECOM believes that "131" is the code designation of the North Korean 105th Armored Division, currently located some 30 miles north of Pyongyang.

Another North Korean message, possibly from the 105th Armored Division states a need for 1,320 replacements, including "automatic artillery (car?) men" (self-propelled artillery?). Two hundred of these new troops are to come from the "10th Division" and 1,120 from the mechanized "17th Division" east of Pyongyang. (SUEDE CINCPAC Tokyo CM IN 8861, 2 Feb; [] 2046, 30 Jan 52)

Comment: The North Korean 105th Armored Division, with 120 T-34 tanks, is believed to be completely rehabilitated and combat ready. For the past few months it has been on security duty along the main supply route and the coast north of Pyongyang. The providing of replacements for the armored division by the 10th and 17th Divisions, also in this general area, would seem to indicate that the three divisions are subordinate to the same corps, possibly the IV.

The movement of artillery and the filling out of divisional strength may forecast a more active role for the 105th Armored Division in the near future.

13. North Korean Air Force training command calls security conference: A conference at the North Korean air school in Yenchi, Manchuria, has been called for an unidentified date in February. "Emergency problems," such as "the accident of #2 aircraft," are to be presented, and the "other security officer" is mentioned as scheduled to attend the conference. (SUEDE [] 240, Yenchi-Tunghwa, 4 Feb 52)

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Comment: The problem of security is a continuing one in the North Korean Air Force. While no specific reasons for such extreme precautions are apparent, it is possible that the Communists seriously fear the defection of one of their pilots to the UN.

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