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17. KOREA. Chinese Communist 1st Field Army units attached to 47th Army in Korea: Two Chinese Communist messages of 28 August report the attachment of two regiments, formerly subordinate to the Chinese Communist 10th Division, 4th Army, to two front-line divisions of the Chinese Communist 47th Army, 4th Field Army, in west central Korea. While the most logical reason for the attachment of these units to combat troops in Korea would be for replacement purposes, one intercept tentatively reveals the attachment "for combat purposes." (SUEDE, [] 630 and 647, M-M, 28 Aug 51)

Comment: The 7 August Special Supplement to the Daily Digest speculated that these 1st Field Army units were advanced elements of a new major Chinese Communist force in Korea.

18. Soviet rocket ammunition arrives in Korea: According to an 8 September preliminary analysis of North Korean messages, a shipment of over 7,000 rockets has arrived in Korea at a supply railhead. It is observed by the reporting agency that the supplying of such a quantity of ammunition could indicate the presence of multiple rocket launchers in North Korean hands or that the rockets are destined for use in existing Chinese rocket launchers. (SUEDE TIK 1045 H 162 W 303, CINCFE to ASA, 8 Sep 51)

Comment: Fragments from a Russian-manufactured 132 mm rocket were recently discovered in the US IX Corps sector in east central Korea, opposite Chinese Communist 9th Army Group positions. Earlier this year a number of 132 mm rockets were captured intact by UN forces.

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