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3. North Korean I Corps beginning logistic build-up for Communist "Fifth Phase" Offensive:

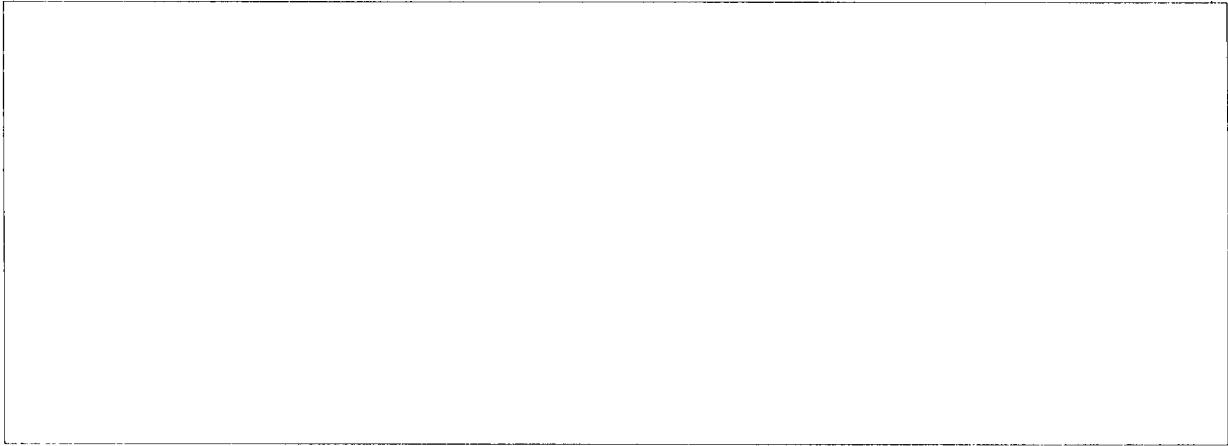
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A 9 April North Korean message from I Corps to Combined Headquarters, available in preliminary field translation, states that the I Corps "has received the G-4

materials to be used for the preparation for the Fifth Offensive. In order to transport and supply them, I am directly commanded to mobilize 20 transportation vehicles of the Corps... I am going to map out a plan for the transportation and supply..."

Comment: Previous radio intercepts and field reports have indicated increasing Communist preparations for a major offensive in the near future. The North Korean I Corps has only recently withdrawn major units from combat and, consequently, its preparations for the coming offensive may be less advanced than those of the recently-arrived Chinese Communist units. Although plans for a "Fifth Phase Offensive" have been the subject of recent prisoner of war reports, this message is the first confirmation from communications intelligence that the coming offensive is considered a "Fifth Phase" by the Communists. In mid-February, the enemy launched a "Fourth Phase Offensive" in central Korea with little success.



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