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9. Early Communist offensive in Korea possible: Developments along the front in Korea may indicate Chinese Communist preparations for an offensive to take place some time after this week.

Recent Chinese Communist voice messages indicate that at least two armies may be moving up to the line, that some Chinese artillery elements have been displaced forward, and that command organization of forward artillery units has been changed to permit more effective tactical control. Other messages indicate that 15 April has been established as the deadline for reconnaissance reports on UN positions as well as for completion of supply movements.

These developments could also mean either a routine rotation of certain front line units or anticipation of a UN spring offensive. (SUEDE AFSA CC/CAP-196, 12 Apr 52)

Comment: Evidence is still too tenuous to establish firm conclusions on enemy intentions. Earlier reports of an impending attack indicated that a limited offensive might be planned for the eastern sector; recent enemy reconnaissance and target selection in the west, however, suggest that the offensive, if it materializes, will be on a broader front.

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10. Chinese Communist rocket launcher regiments attached to artillery divisions: A 7 April message from an unidentified Chinese Communist artillery unit in western Korea outlines the "command relationship of the rocket artillery regiments." It says that each rocket launcher regiment will be under the command of an "automatic artillery division" (presumably the Chinese designation of their motorized artillery divisions). Thus the 201st Rocket Launcher Regiment will be attached to the 8th Artillery Division, the 202nd to the 2nd Artillery Division, and the 203rd to the 7th Artillery Division. This arrangement, the message announces, will eliminate the "confusion inherent in too many chefs in the kitchen." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2083, 9 Apr 52)

Comment: The message does not indicate whether the 21st Rocket Launcher Division--the parent unit for the 201st, 202nd and 203rd Regiments--has been de-activated and its subordinate rocket launcher regiments made organic to the listed artillery divisions or whether this is only an attachment.

It has previously been observed that the rocket launcher regiments were deployed across the entire front.

11. Chinese Communist artillery division in eastern Korea: A Chinese Communist message of 2 April reveals that units of the 7th Chinese Communist Artillery Division, in eastern Korea, will be issued about 93,000 catties (approximately 46 tons) of food from the supply depot. (SUEDE CINCFE Tokyo, SIB 479, 10 Apr 52)

Comment: Although this amount of food will provide rations for only three to four days for the division, the movement of this quantity of supplies shows that the enemy's front line logistics are satisfactory.

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