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1. North Korean attack in the East may be opening of renewed Communist offensive:

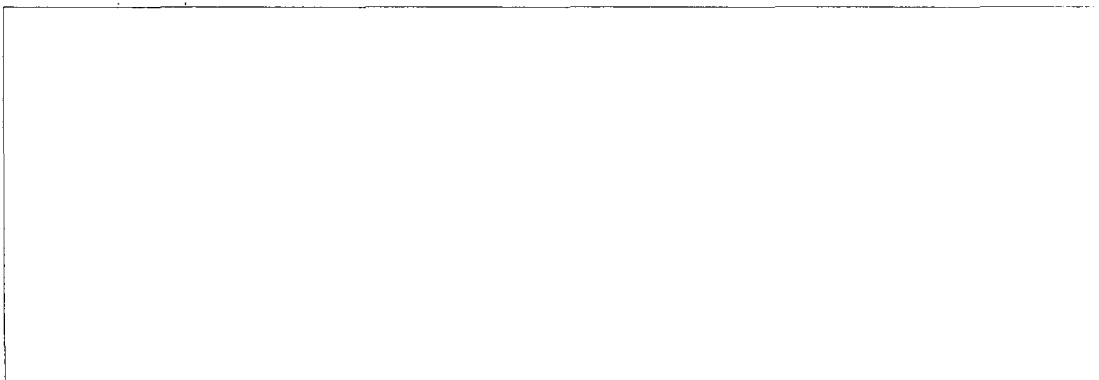
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A message from the North Korean III Corps to the "Commander, Front Line Headquarters" announces that Corps elements began moving from their line of departure and that the "15th Infantry Division, after assembling... phase lines by dawn of 15 May," will open the attack and advance toward the east coast (through defensive positions of the ROK Capital Division).

[redacted] a little farther to the west reports that there was "much enemy activity in the Inje area on the morning of 15 May" and that a ROK regiment received over 300 rounds of artillery fire in support of a small enemy attack during the same period.

Comment: Further evidence of the imminence of a renewed Communist general offensive in Korea is seen in the marked drop in North Korean signal traffic on 15 May and in the 50 percent decrease in Chinese Communist signal traffic during the period from 11 to 12 May. While enemy signal inactivity is not a sure indicator of enemy intentions, previous offensives have been preceded by such lulls.



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