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5. KOREA. Serious damage to North Korean east coast rail system revealed: Preliminary field analysis of enemy messages reveals that "UN air attacks have disrupted the main lateral line from Yangdok (east central Korea) to Kowon" (on the east coast north of Wonsan) and another important line leading into the Wonsan area. Other serious damage was reported in the Songjin area. The field observes that "continued disruption of the lines to the extent indicated . . . should materially affect the enemy's capability to stockpile materials for future operations." (SUEDE TIK 1173, 29 Sep 51)

Comment: The recent serious floods, coupled with the cumulative effect of the heavy UN rail interdiction program, have recently neutralized many segments of the North Korean east coast rail line. While "continued disruption" will materially affect Communist logistic capabilities, the enemy has previously displayed considerable ingenuity in utilizing motor vehicles and indigenous means of transport.

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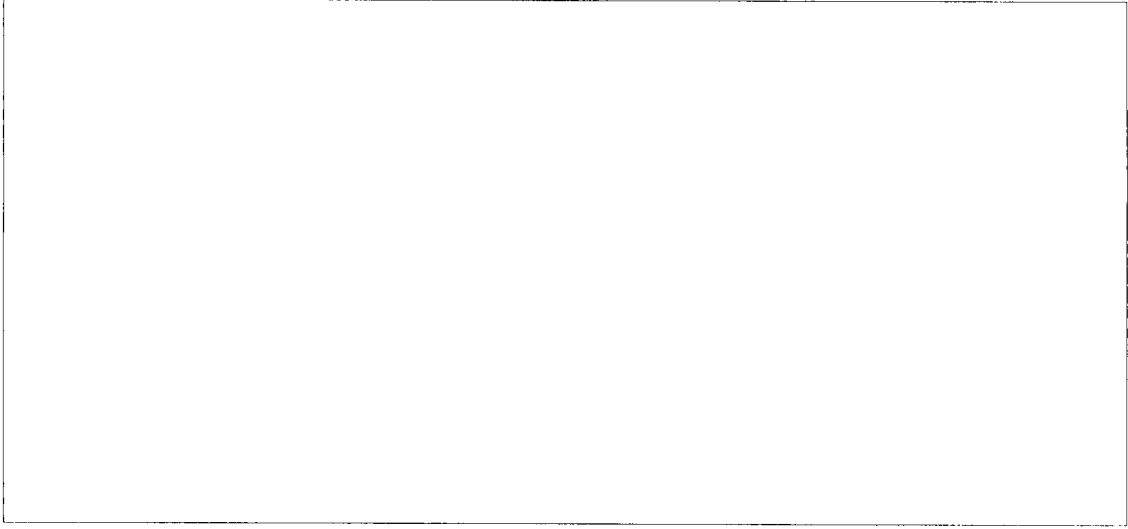
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