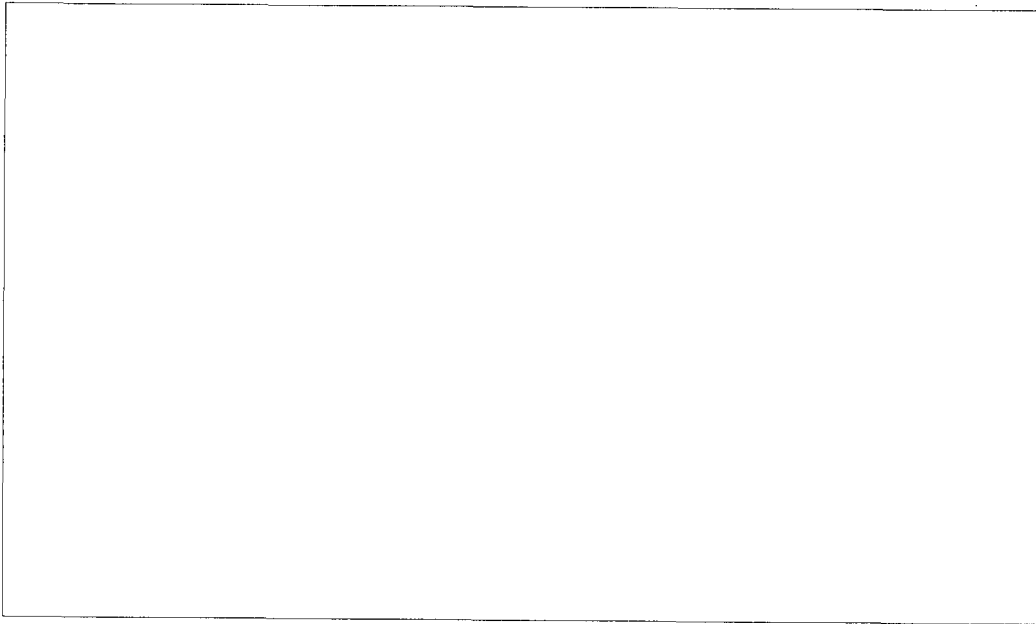


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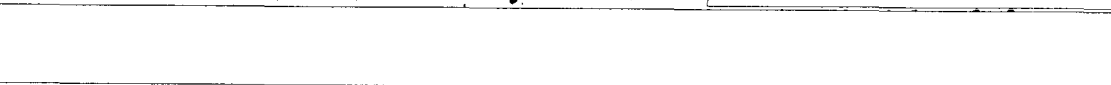
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2. Communist prisoners taken recently in Korea expect heavy support for coming offensive:

[Redacted]
19 Apr 51
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North Korean and Chinese Communist prisoners taken since late February have reported over-hearing or being told that a great quantity of air, armor, and artillery support was being assembled in Manchuria to be sent into Korea to support a coming major offensive. Estimates varied from 4,000 aircraft and 3,000 tanks to a vague reference to a "large number of tanks, artillery and 400 aircraft to be received in time for the 'May offensive.'" [Redacted]

Korea
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Comment: The large number of reports received, [Redacted] concerning the expected scale of Soviet materiel support for Communist

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troops in Korea lends added credence to the probability that any future offensive would be supported by additional heavy equipment, probably manned by Chinese Communists or North Koreans.

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