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4. Sino-Soviet-Korean preparations for future hostilities reported: [redacted] Russian, Chinese, and Korean leaders decided early in 1952

- (1) "to continue fighting" in Korea until the end of April 1952, in order to cover preparations for a military movement elsewhere;
- (2) that the Soviet Air Force will "go into operation" at once if the US Air Force bombs Manchuria; and
- (3) that "preparations for war" in Southeast Asia must be complete by August 1952.

[redacted]

Comment: Many sources have reported Sino-Soviet-Korean preparations for an expansion of hostilities. [redacted]

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5. North Korean attitude toward peace talks reported: [redacted]

[redacted] peace talks are to be delayed indefinitely, at least until "overtures are made from Moscow." During this period the North Koreans will "make final preparations to recover the area north of the 38th parallel." [redacted]

Comment: Although there are no current indications that the Communists intend to launch an offensive to regain that portion of North Korea now in UN hands, undertaking such an operation is within their present capabilities.

The final line of demarcation between the Communist and the UN sectors is to be the line of contact on the day the cease-fire is effected.

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