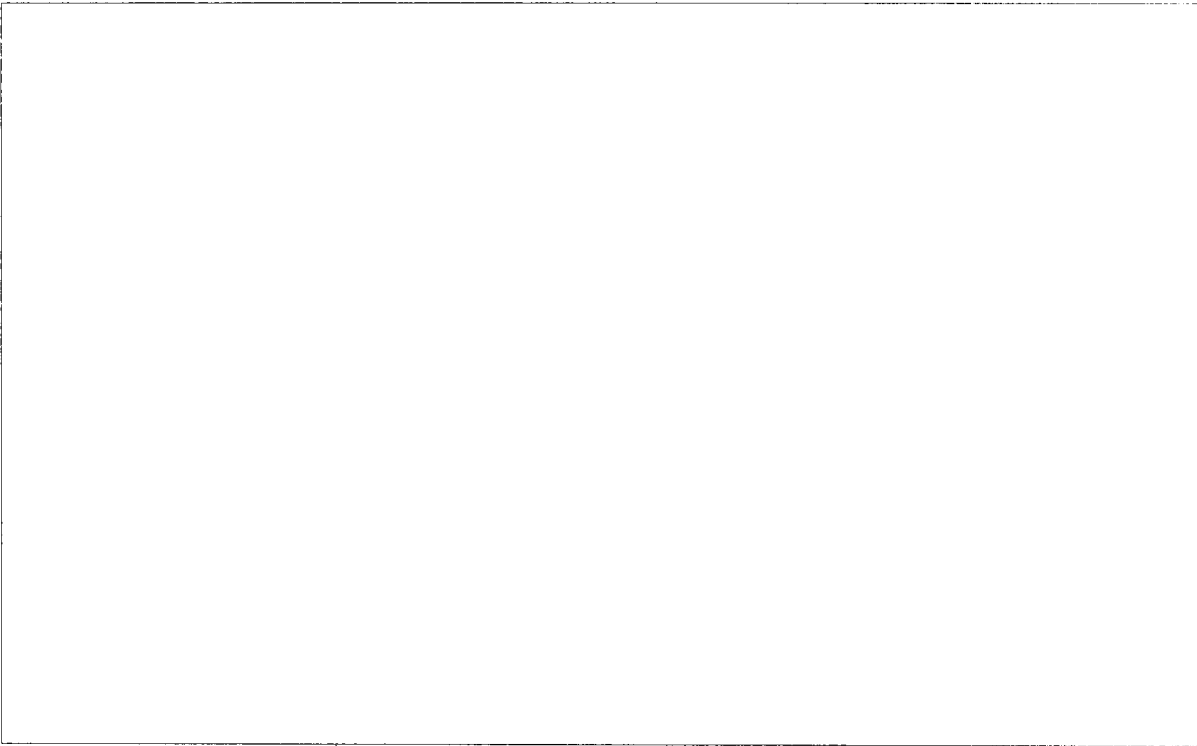


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2. Possible withdrawal of six Chinese armies from Korean front indicated:

National Security Agency Preliminary field reports based on communications changes indicate that the Chinese 16th, 20 Nov 53 21st, 54th, 67th, and perhaps the 46th armies, FROTH are preparing to withdraw northward from the Korean front; the possible movement of the 1st Army westward is also suggested. These armies recently have been noted in contact with logistical headquarters located in northern and western Korea, which would be a normal development in a planned movement to these areas (see map, p. 4).
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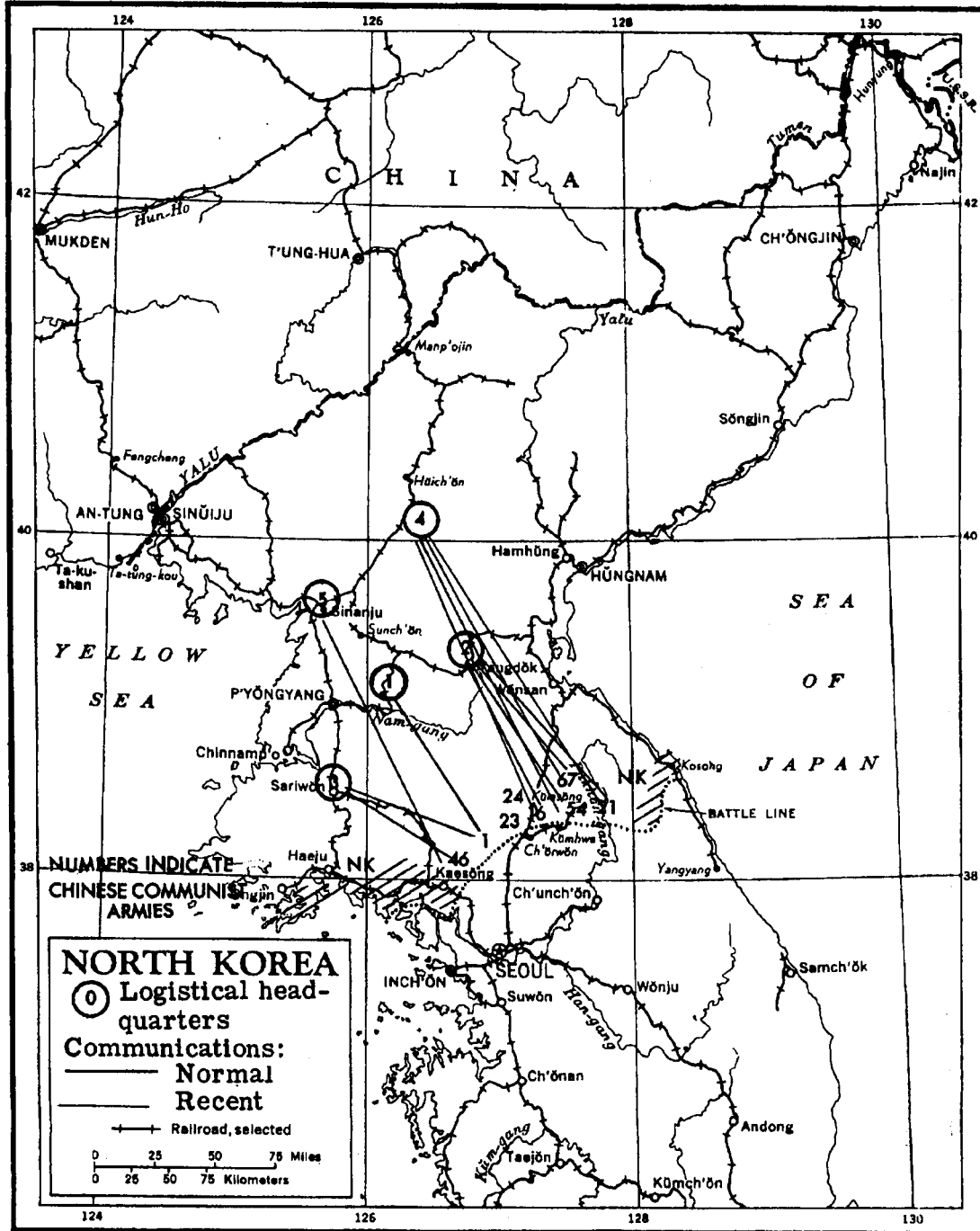
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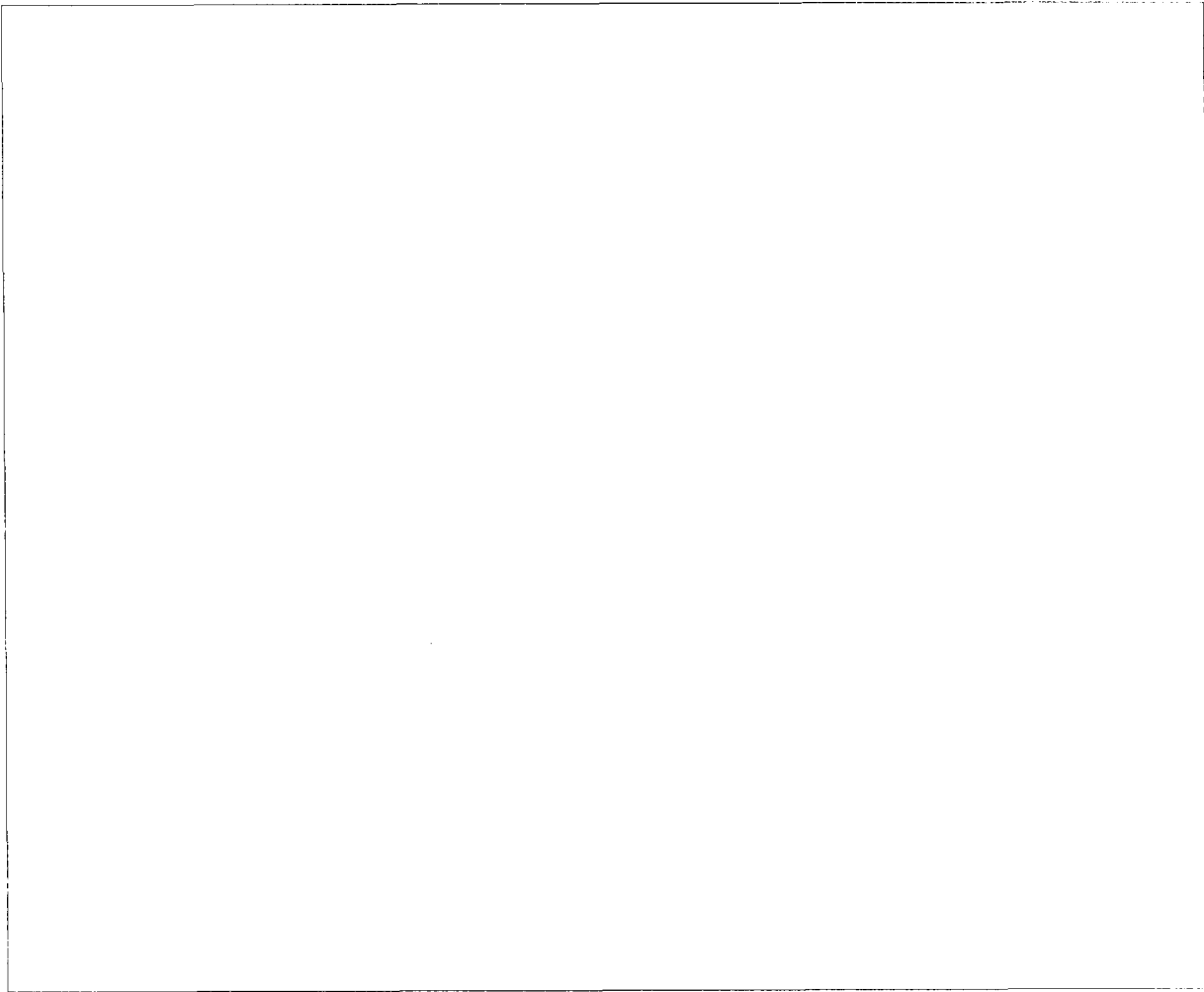


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The National Security Agency cautions, however, that this could represent a change of the organizational structure of the logistical headquarters rather than a movement of armies, since no changes have yet been noted in the front line communications complex.

Comment: All the above armies except the 67th are presently accepted as being on the front line. The 67th is believed to be in immediate reserve on the central front. If these armies withdraw, only one Chinese army, the 23rd, would remain on the line, and one, the 24th, in immediate reserve. There are five additional Chinese armies in rear areas.



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