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5. KOREA. Sizeable Communist food stockpile reported at Sinuiju. Three North Korean messages of 18 November from the border city of Sinuiju report the status of foodstuffs stockpiled there and the progress being made in constructing underground storage facilities. One message lists 45,881 tons of rice and 31,479 tons of other grains and vegetables. (SUEDE AS CM IN 54275, 19 Nov 51)

Comment: Based on prisoner-of-war reports that approximately one kilogram of food comprises the daily diet of a Communist soldier in Korea, this stockpile would provide a four-month reserve for the estimated 600,000 Communist troops in Korea.

Although no indication is given in the messages as to the source of this food, it is probable that it was collected from farmers in northwestern Korea.

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