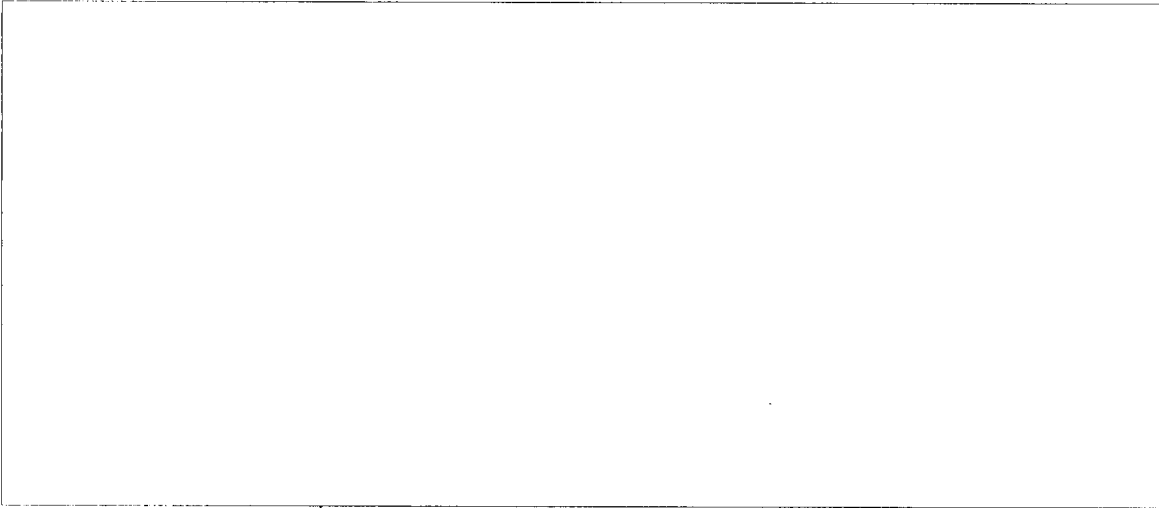


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8. North Korean air trainee moves from conventional to jet flying: According to AFSA, in the last week of July a Korean pilot, who previously flew a conventional fighter at Fengcheng, was noted in messages relating to jet training. (CANOE CC/CAP-205, Korea, 21 Aug 52)

Comment: This is the first evidence of a Korean pilot transferring from conventional to jet aircraft in the Korea-Manchuria area. Previously it was believed that Korean jet training took place in the Soviet Union.

9. Unidentified Communist unit ordered to attack UN airfields in Korea: A recent message in Chinese plain language on an unidentified net stated: "Request your 132nd branch unit (to) attack Han-River airfield and Suwon." (CANOE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, L [] T200, 17 Aug 52)

Comment: The meaning of this cryptic message is unclear. The likeliest possibility is that a North Korean air unit located in western Korea attempted to use the Chinese language to secure this transmission. If that is the case, probably the message portends another attempted night harassing sortie by an obsolescent North Korean training aircraft against UN airfields in the forward area.

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10. Hydroelectric plant in northeastern Korea operational:
On 19 August the North Korean 21st Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment, stationed north of Hungnam in northeastern Korea, ordered a subordinate unit to come to regimental headquarters to charge batteries "if you cannot recharge. . . at the. . .Kong power plant."

The unidentified antiaircraft unit replied later in the day that "since it is said that we will be able to recharge after two days at the. . .Kong power plant," the unit will not disrupt its communications by coming to the regiment.(CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-810, 20 Aug 52)

Comment: The present location of the 21st Antiaircraft Regiment suggests that the messages refer to a plant in the Changjin (Chosen) system. [redacted] on 28 July confirmed that plant number one was operating.

11. Communist tactical units still expect UN action in Korea:
Two recent North Korean messages indicate a continuing Communist fear that the UN will attempt to renew offensive action in the near future.

One, a 19 August message from a North Korean V Corps coastal security element on the east coast, stated that "since it is foreseen that the enemy will plan to take advantage of the rainy season, you will make (complete combat preparations?)." Another, dated 20 August from a brigade on coastal security in western Korea, passed information from a Chinese unit predicting "that the enemies will land on the shore and attack (us) suddenly." (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-811, 20 Aug; 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-M-494, 21 Aug 52)

Comment: The general impression gathered from enemy POW's and from intercepted enemy messages suggests that enemy tactical units are in a continuous state of agitation concerning UN intentions.

12. Expansion of Chinese early-warning facilities in Korea noted: An additional seven mobile spotter units in the Chinese Communist early-warning air defense network have been noted following an 11 August callsign change. The Chinese Communists now have 15 mobile early-warning spotter units active in Korea.

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According to a US Air Force field analysis, this increase in spotter units was necessitated by the recent southward expansion of the Chinese early-warning and GCI coverage from Chinnampo to the Sariwon and Sinchon area. (CANOE 6920 Security Grp Johnson AFB Japan, AP 575, 20 Aug 52)

13. Chinese regiment in Korea still conducting san fan campaign: Officers from a Chinese Communist artillery regiment on the east-central front in Korea were to attend a san fan meeting from 19 to 25 August, according to an 18 August message. (CANOE L, [redacted] T-141 Tokyo, 19 Aug 52)

Comment: There has been little publicized activity in the san fan campaign either in China or Korea since April. This campaign against "corruption, waste and bureaucratic deviation" by Communist officials was begun in late 1951 and reached its peak in January or February. In Korea each Chinese "volunteer" unit was assigned a quota of major and minor offenders it was to uncover.

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