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7. UN's air strikes at hydroelectric plants reported by enemy unit: On the afternoon of 24 June, an unidentified North Korea unit radioed "a formation of eight aircraft bombed twice at the substation in Oro-ri, therefore, the electric power is off." (SUEDE DET 151 15th RSM, Korea Msg # CS 627, 24 June 52)

Comment: The Oro-ri substation north of Hamhung is an important transformer point for electricity produced by the Changjin hydroelectric system.

8. Communists still fear UN offensive: In a message sent from the North Korean 7th Division in the Wonsan area to its artillery regiment on 15 June, the sender cautioned that "according to a message from Supreme Headquarters, since the enemy at the front lines is planning. . .movements, you will. the division units which do not. . and secure their communications." (SUEDE ASAPAC, Tokyo SPOT 3571A, 24 June 52)

Comment: This message is considered further indication of the enemy's concern about UN intentions in Korea.

Chinese officers receive available gas masks: A 23 June message, possibly from a battalion of the 8th Chinese Artillery Division, reports that "at present my battalion has 45 gas masks, and lacks 417 gas masks." The message continues that of the masks available, "sections above platoon level have 31 and lack 41. Personnel of the command post have 13. . . and lack 39. Personnel below squad level have one gas mask and lack 337 gas masks." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-4054, 24 June 52)

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