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6. Chinese forces in Korea to increase offensive capabilities:
An intercepted message of 18 May on a Chinese Communist military network in Korea reveals that "all volunteer units" have been ordered to store supplies to last through 15 September. This must be accomplished by 15 July. The order is attributed to "experience of last year's floods." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3054, 18 May 52)

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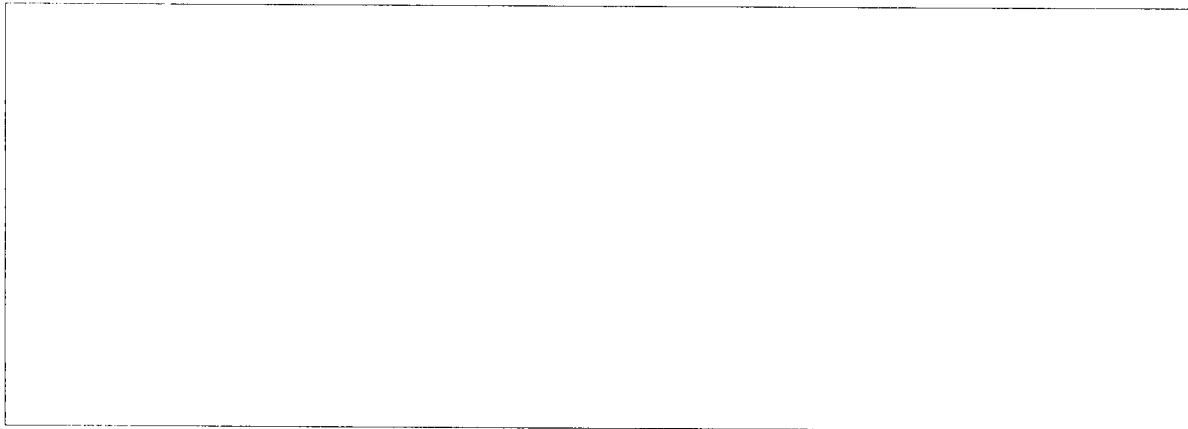
Comment: Other recent messages received from Korea show that several Chinese units in the forward area have already accumulated heavy stocks of petroleum and ammunition. A general supply build-up in the forward area, if achieved, would increase the capability for an offensive of major proportions.

7. Chinese artillery division in Korea again reports large gasoline stores: The Chinese Communist 7th Artillery Division reported on 18 May that it had finished storing 1,200 barrels of gasoline at a dump near the western front and was seeking a safe place to store 400 barrels of oil. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3035, 18 May 52)

Comment: This message is new evidence of the high level of petroleum supply which the 7th Artillery has achieved. In a message last week this same division reported that it had 4,000-4,500 barrels of gasoline on hand.

8. Elements of new Chinese army reported in Korea: On 18 May an unidentified Chinese Communist regiment in Korea notified its subordinate units that two companies of guerrillas belonging to the 50th Division are "now going into activity." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3000, 18 May 52)

Comment: The 50th Division is normally subordinate to the 17th Army, which is currently accepted in southern Kweichow, China. This is the first time that any element of this army has been observed in Korea.



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