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2. Experienced Soviet fighters practice strafing at Anshan:

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According to an intercepted Chinese Communist message, one LA-9 and twelve LA-11 conventional fighters at Anshan were scheduled to practice "strafing" on the night of 24 November.

Comment: The lead aircraft of this group was piloted by the same Russian -- Efimov -- who has been leading LA-11's on night combat patrols into Korea from Anshan since early October. Chinese Communist messages occasionally refer to these Anshan-based LA-11's as "Soviet." This message is the first suggesting that these aircraft are training for night offensive operations -- which would be in contrast to the exclusively defensive role hitherto played by Soviet-controlled aircraft in Korea.

3. Soviet training program for Chinese forces in Manchuria assessed:

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28 Nov 51

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Up to 50 Chinese Communist divisions may be involved in the current Soviet-supervised re-equipping and training program centered in Manchuria, [Redacted]

[Redacted] Training in the combat arms is believed to constitute the major part of this program.

Confirmed reports of the departure of Chinese Communist troops from South and East China towards Manchuria since late 1950, and the failure of these troops to appear in the Korean war, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] the supplying of Soviet equipment to troops presently in Korea is a measure to enable China to remain in the Korean war until the 50 divisions in Manchuria, modernly equipped and trained, are ready for combat.

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Comment: A Soviet program for training and reequipping Chinese Communist ground forces in Manchuria has been frequently reported, but nothing is reliably known of the scope of such a program.

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