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SECTION 1 (SOVIET)

1. USSR. Soviet Ambassador to Peiping enroute to Moscow: N. V. Roshchin, Soviet Ambassador to the Chinese People's Republic, left by plane on 3 August for Moscow, according to Radio Peiping.

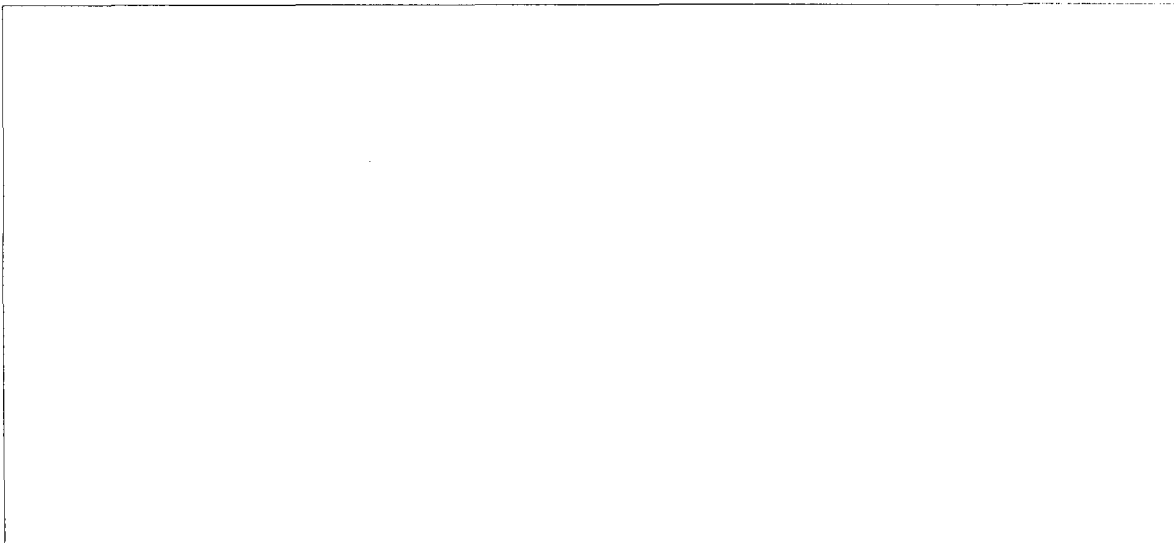
Comment: As far as is known, this is Roshchin's first visit to Moscow since he returned to Peiping in March 1950. In view of current negotiations in Korea and the impending conference on the Japanese peace treaty, it is likely that his return is for consultation on these questions. Moreover, Roshchin's presence in Moscow at this time lends significance to the recent return and continued stay there of high-level Soviet diplomats from Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

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7. CHINA. Preparations for further operations in Korea reported: [redacted]
[redacted] Chinese Communist medical units assigned to Korea were ordered to reach their stations by 10 August, and that the "4th wing" of the Chinese Communist Air Force was ordered to reach its Manchurian base by 4 August. [redacted]

Comment: This information has not been confirmed. A "4th wing" of the CCAF has not been identified in Manchuria or elsewhere. [redacted]
[redacted] that Communist forces have been ordered to be in a state of readiness by early September.

8. Communist intentions in Korean talks alleged: [redacted] alleges that the following decisions were made at a top-level Chinese Communist conference on 25 July:

- (a) to avoid reaching any "definite agreement" in the Kaesong talks, but
- (b) to make necessary concessions to prevent a "premature breakdown" of the Kaesong talks; and meanwhile
- (c) to continue "military activities" in Korea, preparing
- (d) to launch a large-scale offensive in Korea in early September.



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Comment: Alleged proceedings of top-level conferences are continually reported [redacted] it is the Communist intention to prolong the Kaesong talks until Communist forces are prepared for a major new offensive. [redacted] important developments, possibly even Soviet initiation of global hostilities, are expected in early September; such reports remain unconfirmed.

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