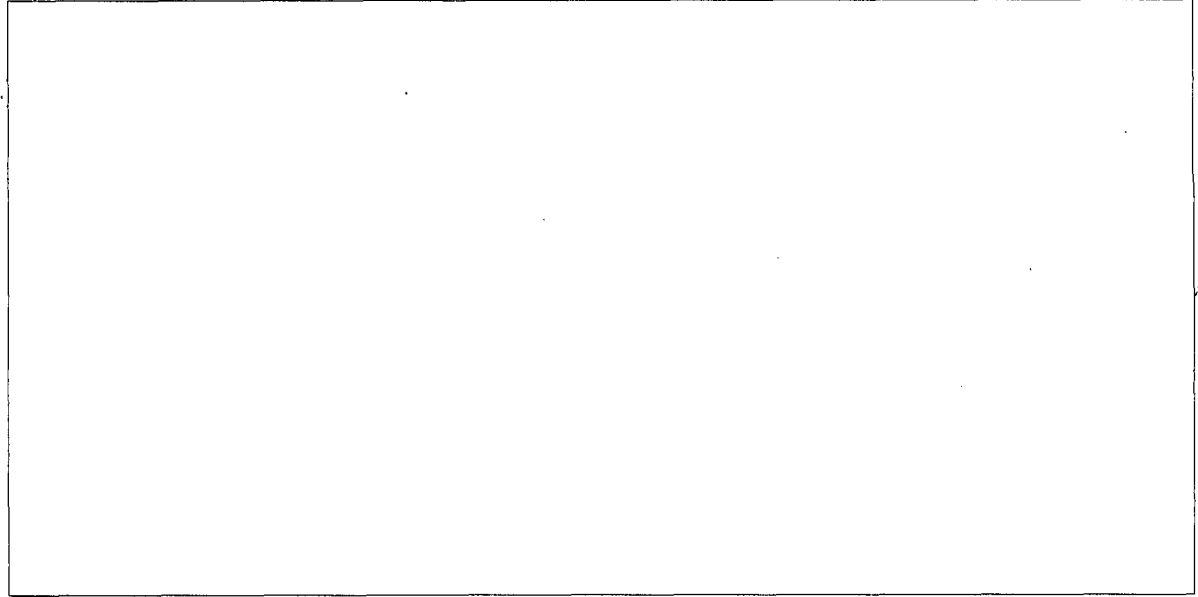


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11. CHINA/KOREA. New jet field near Korean border increases enemy air capability: The new Takushan airfield near the Manchuria-Korea border was the destination on 4 November of a flight of twelve MIG-15's from Liaoyang, south of Mukden. A message on 5 November suggests the possibility of the transfer of a MIG-15 division from North China to this same airfield. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 235, 2125Z, 6 Nov 51)

Comment: This is the first report of a flight of jet aircraft to the recently completed Takushan airfield, which is the third field near the Manchuria-Korea border capable of accommodating jet aircraft. At Antung and Tatungkow, the other two fields in the area, there are about 200 MIG-15's, probably in four divisions of 50 each. These fields have been the principal bases for MIG-15's encountered by UN aircraft in Korea.

12. KOREA. Communist air message mentions new Korean border air field: According to an Air Force analysis of Communist air messages, a new air field at Uiju (ten miles east of Sinuiju on the North Korean side of the border) was mentioned as a possible landing point for two flights of eight MIG-15's on 30 October and for a flight of 25 MIG-15's on 6 November. These are the first references to this airfield's utilization. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 235, 2125Z, 6 Nov 51)

Comment: With the UN's loss of air superiority in northwestern Korea, the Communists presumably will be able to begin combat operations

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from the border airfields of Sinuiju and Uiju. No reports have been received to date of enemy air operations being initiated from the three-airfield complex in the Sinanju area, farther south.

13. Chinese Communists' attack plan reported: A North Korean message of 6 November reports the presence of two divisions of the Chinese Communist 64th Army in the immediate vicinity of Kaesong. The reporting officer adds that the Chinese "stated that they will decidedly attack to north of the Imjin river despite any enemy intentions." The message additionally reflects a Communist fear that UN forces are preparing to attack Kaesong.

The message also brings to light the attachment of the officer's North Korean unit (probably the 82nd Regiment, 8th Division) to the 64th Army. (SUEDE AFSA-251, 1535Z, 7 Nov 51)

Comment: This report may reflect a Chinese Communist intention to launch an attack east towards the Imjin river to frustrate an anticipated UN attempt to take Kaesong. These Chinese elements may have been withdrawn from their last point of contact, considerably to the northeast, to take advantage of the relative security of the Kaesong area for staging such an attack.

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