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13 May 51

GENERAL

1. Indian UN delegate suggests declaration on non-crossing of 38th Parallel:[redacted]
New York 11 May 51
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[redacted] Indian delegate Rau has informally suggested that the General Assembly make an overture to the Communists in Korea regarding the non-crossing of the 38th Parallel. Rau proposed that, after it adopts a selective embargo resolution, the General Assembly should declare that UN forces would not cross the 38th Parallel if the Chinese Communist and North Korean authorities issue a similar declaration. [redacted] believes that Rau has no clear conception of the means necessary to insure the security of UN forces and to prevent a Communist build-up beyond the Parallel.

Comment: The Communists have not indicated any willingness to modify their demand for a complete withdrawal of UN forces from Korea. It is conceivable that heavy losses in the Korean venture would persuade the Communists to agree not to cross the Parallel. During the civil war in China, the Communists employed such agreements to gain breathing-spells for fresh build-ups.

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2. Communist forces believed ready to renew offensive:[redacted]
12 May 51
[redacted]

On 12 May [redacted] that the "pattern of enemy activity currently developing in the battle area bears a striking resemblance to the series of events observed during periods immediately preceding past enemy offensives." It concluded that the enemy can resume the offensive within the next 72 to 96 hours. As evidence for this conclusion, [redacted] the stiffened enemy resistance encountered by UN patrol activity, the daylight movement of enemy troops into the front line, the use of smoke to screen daylight movement and an increase in aggressive enemy patrolling and small unit attacks.

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the main effort of the renewed offensive probably will be directed along the Han River corridor east of Seoul and the Chunchon-Wonju corridor in the central sector.

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