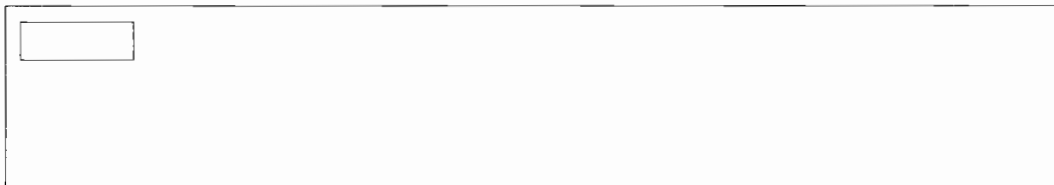


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4. Offensive preparations noted in Korea during past 24 hours:



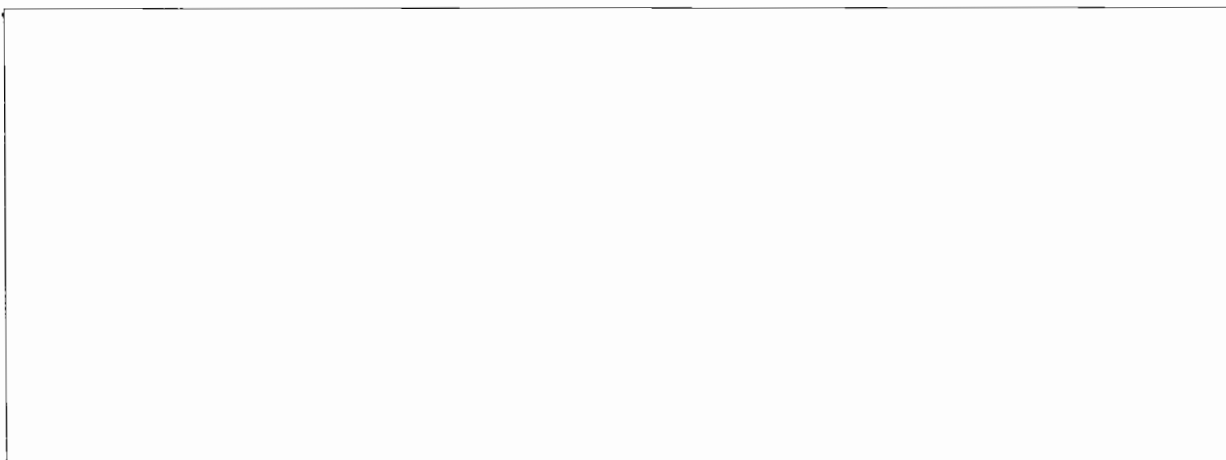
Indications that the Communists may resume the offensive on the UN western flank have been noted in the past 24 hours, [redacted]

[redacted] Enemy forces in this area have suddenly tightened their counter-reconnaissance screen. They may also have moved armor into the Otan area 25 miles northeast of Kaesong, where aerial observers have sighted tank tracks and noted the filling in of anti-tank ditches.



a recent displacement of enemy units in this sector which would not indicate an enemy intention to mount an early general offensive.

Comment: These hostile developments in the general area of the Kaesong conference may be designed only to exert pressure on the negotiations, but could be preparations to seize strategic positions for the launching of a general offensive.



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