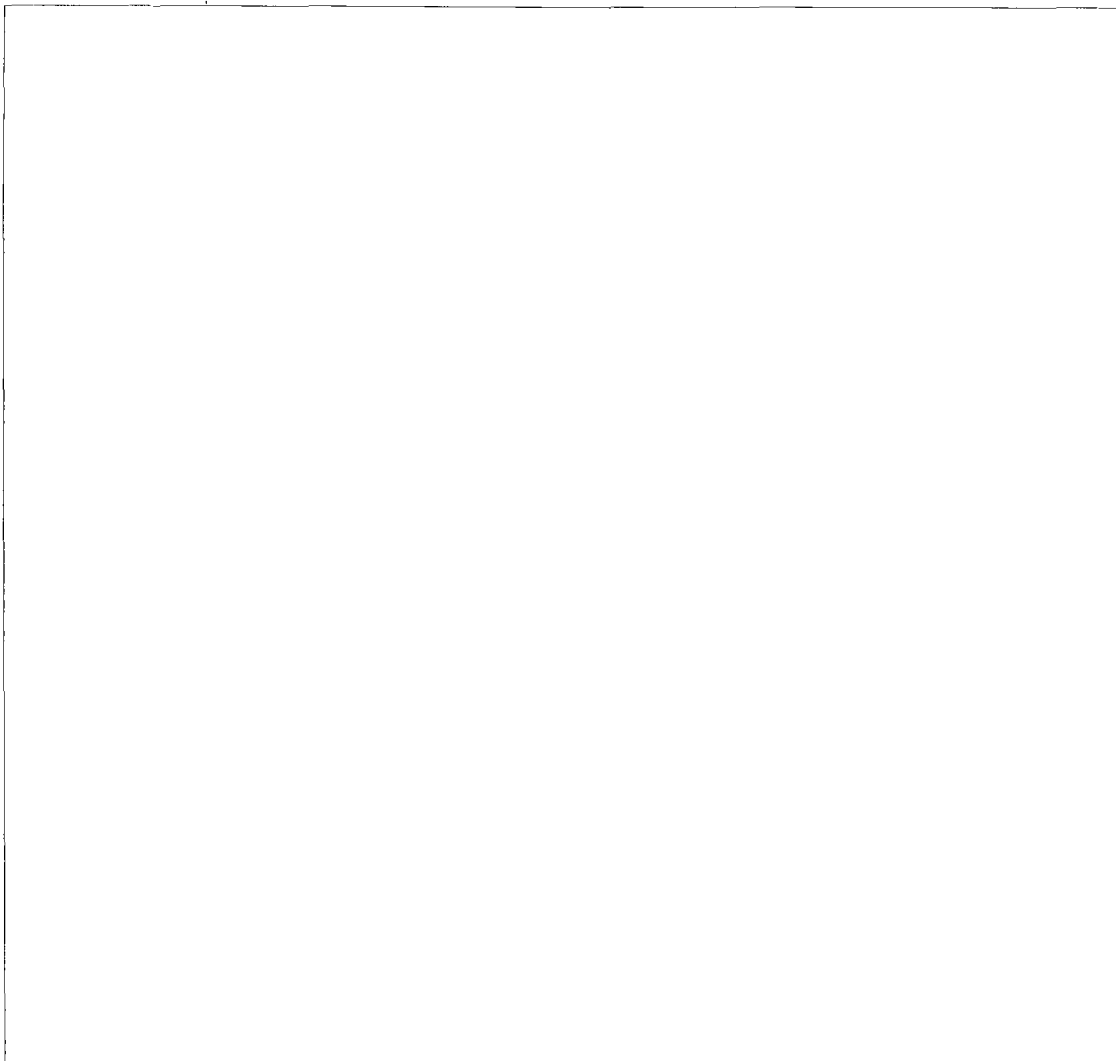


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6. KOREA. Clandestine Communist organization in South Korea revealed by recent messages: Recently available North Korean messages, some of which were from the 526th Army unit to the "Eastern" and "Western" units, give an insight into the organization of Communist activities in the ROK. These December messages inquire as to the establishment, status of communications and operations of the "3rd and 4th directions" (sub-units). (SUEDE AS CM IN 64761, 29 Dec; 62760, 25 Dec; 64527, 28 Dec; 64758, 29 Dec; 64062, 26 Dec 51)

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Comment: Another source indicates that the North Korean 526th Army unit, organized into two regimental-strength units designated the "Eastern and Western" liason sections, is charged with sabotage, subversion, and guerrilla activities in the ROK. Available evidence suggests that the "Western" section is concerned with propaganda and organizational activities, while the "Eastern" section is charged with guerrilla operations.

7. North Korean 17th Mechanized Division to move to the Kaesong area: Two North Korean messages from the 82nd Regiment in the Kaesong area indicate the expected movement of the 17th Mechanized Division into that area. A 27 December message states that "the commander of the 17th (Brigade) came to Kaesong and he is investigating the situation. I suppose that they will be here during the period of the prisoner exchange . . ." A later message of 30 December noted in regard to the 17th Division that ". . . it seems that the division will be moved from Pyongyang to Kaesong." (SUEDE AS CM IN 64752, 29 Dec and 65441, 31 Dec 51)

Comment: The texts of these messages suggest that the movement of this North Korean unit is in some way connected with the expected transfer of prisoners of war to take place in this area.

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