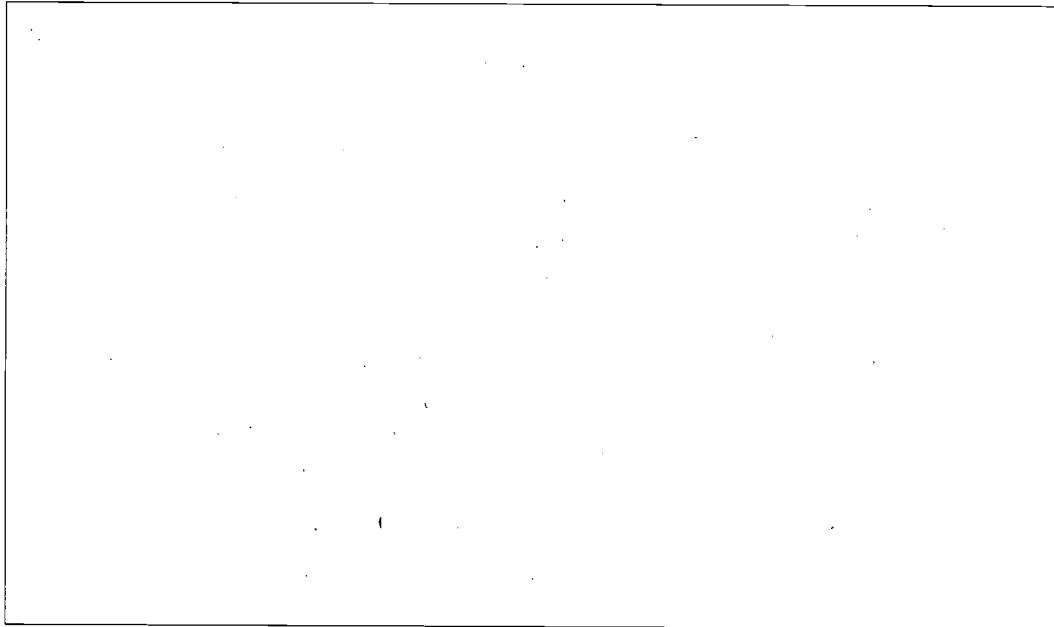
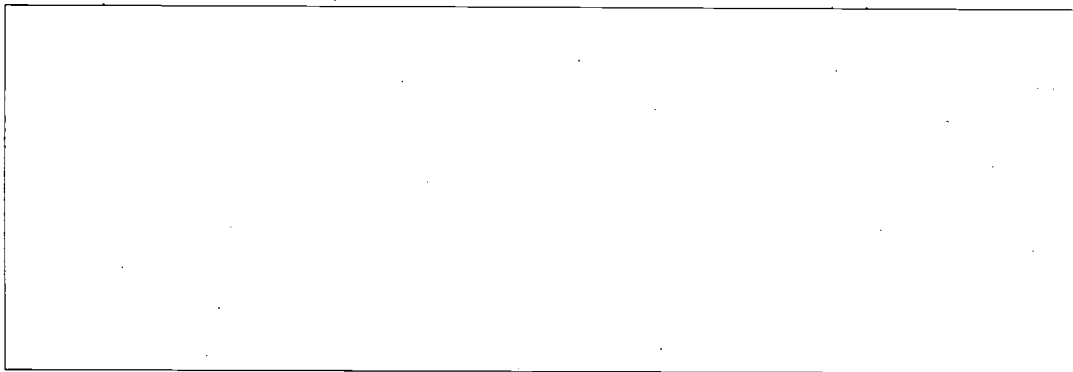


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12. KOREA. North Korean jet fighter unit may be moving into Manchurian interior: A transfer order from the "Chinese Air Force Headquarters" was received at North Korean Air Headquarters authorizing a move from either Anshan or Antung to the Manchurian interior town of Tungfeng. The 29 January message, from Sinuiju to a North Korean of ministerial rank in Pyongyang, mentioned that "P'aeng Tok Hi"--possibly Chinese Communist Volunteer commander Peng Teh-huai--had been informed of this move. (SUEDE 249, Sinuiju-Pyongyang, 29 Jan 52)

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Comment: Although this message gives no indication of who was to move to Tungfeng, the fact that the transfer required coordination with a North Korean cabinet minister and with Peng Teh-huai suggests a movement of some significance. It is possible that a North Korean jet fighter unit stationed either at Anshan or Antung may be involved. The airfield at Tungfeng was reported in use by jet aircraft in 1951; recent sightings by UN pilots of enemy MIG-15 jets leaving North Korea in the direction of Tunghua - Tungfeng lends credence to the possible location of enemy units in this area.

A further decline of known Communist offensive and defensive air capabilities over North Korea would result if such a move occurred.

13. North Korean units withdraw from captured islands: North Korean amphibious units who captured an unidentified island were ordered by a Brigade commander on 4 February to wipe out or capture all the "enemy" troops on the island and then to set "anti-personnel mines and evacuate at once...."

Additional evidence that such withdrawals are standard operating procedure is seen in a 1 February message from an unidentified battalion to the 23rd Brigade reporting that "our troops at Yukto have thoroughly withdrawn." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea, CM IN 9974 and 10051, 6 Feb 52)

Comment: American naval shore intelligence in western coastal Korea reported the enemy's evacuation of Sunwi, Changnin, and Yongwi islands after their capture. Lack of transportation and fear of ROK marine counterattacks and of rocket attacks from UN vessels were listed as the principal reasons for these withdrawals.

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