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12. KOREA. North Korea continues munitions production: A badly garbled North Korean message of 15 February mentioned an "arsenal" at Sinuiju and another at an unidentified location. Two thousand armor-piercing shells were on hand at the Sinuiju arsenal on this date. (SUEDE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-274, 19 Feb 52)

Comment: In June 1950 North Korea had seven installations manufacturing hand grenades, mortar shells, sub-machine guns, small-arms ammunition, mortars, gunpowder, and parts for small arms, all in limited quantities. Despite the nearly total destruction of four of these installations and severe damage to the others, the Communists were able to move much of their equipment into underground facilities prior to the retreat of October 1950. Communications intelligence and other sources have confirmed the continued small-scale manufacture of munitions during 1951.

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