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2. Fourth Field Army admits heavy casualties as of last September: The Chinese Fourth Field Army had 150,000 men hospitalized in Central and South China, according to a document produced last September by its Medical Department. This document was obtained by a Hong Kong newspaper; subsequently the Communist Public Health Department of Central and South China admitted that it had carelessly allowed copies to be used as wrapping paper.

The document also reveals an alarming need for medicine and called for improved treatment of the wounded.

Comment: The total number of casualties suffered by the Fourth Field Army alone is unknown; however, the Chinese Communist Forces have suffered nearly 900,000 casualties in the Korean war. Only 20,000 have been taken prisoner by the UN.

Heavy Chinese imports of antibiotics and other pharmaceuticals during the past year demonstrate their urgent need of medicines.

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