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2. More effective Communist training with AA rockets reported in Korea:

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A garbled and fragmentary Chinese Communist message of 4 May states that an unidentified Communist unit commenced antiaircraft firing on 3 May with equipment tentatively identified by translation as "rocket launchers." The unit reported that it expended rounds of ammunition at various altitudes from 10,800 to 24,600 feet. The message stated further that two of the launchers "performed splendidly" and that it was estimated that "we either hit and damaged or hit and dropped" each of the targets.

Comment: This report, as received, indicates that the Communist forces are training with AA rockets possessing vertical range and accuracy characteristics in excess of those of any known Soviet or Chinese rocket. During the last three months, there have been a series of sightings of Communist AA rockets at steadily increasing vertical ranges, but this is the first indication of a ground-launched rocket attaining 24,600 feet.

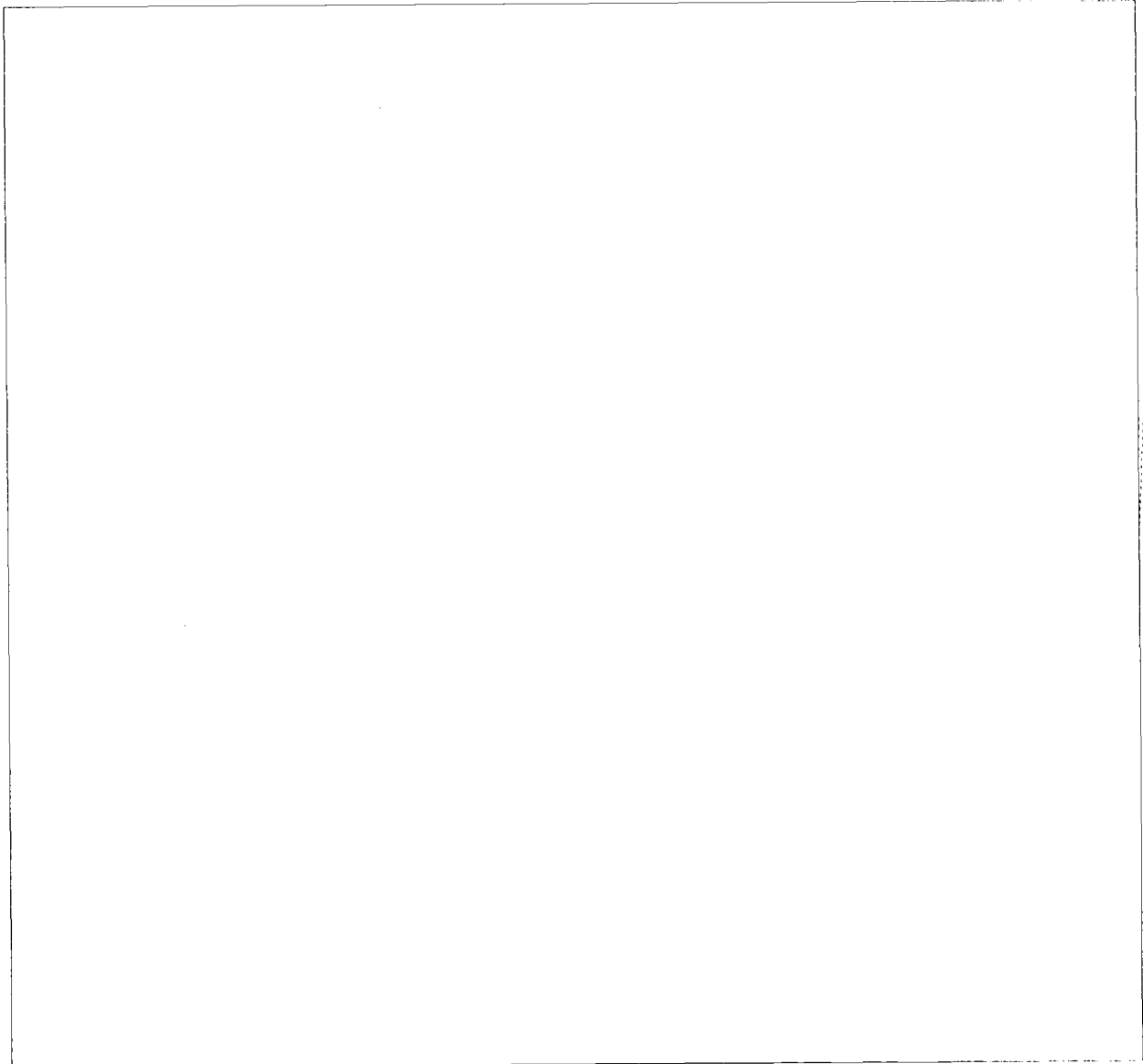
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[redacted] rockets directed against UN aircraft to date have been ineffective and inaccurate. This message suggests that the enemy may have new equipment which will increase his AA capability.



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