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7. Substantial supply of ammunition received by North Korean AAA depot: The Supply Chief of the North Korean 21st Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment reported the receipt of 42,840 rounds of "instant ammunition" on 11-12 May. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-J-515, 14 May 52)

Comment: The depot receiving this ammunition is in the Wonsan-Hamhung area and, according to communications intelligence, was only scheduled to be opened on 10 May. The rapid arrival of this relatively large supply of antiaircraft ammunition on 11-12 May indicates the importance to the enemy of the rapid buildup of his antiaircraft defense in this region.

8. Element of recently withdrawn Chinese Communist artillery division returns to combat: A message, probably from the 3rd Battalion of the 30th Regiment, 2nd Chinese Communist Artillery Division, to its parent unit, stated on 15 May that "I arrived at the 117th Division's command post today. . . and discussed the results with the division commander. If

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the situation warrants. . . we will send one battalion. . . (of) two 105mm artillery companies. . . (to positions near the town of Sangyong). . . Commander Hui and Commander. . . have already gone to clarify and investigate the position. . ." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2920, 18 May 52)

Comment: This artillery battalion, along with other elements of the 2nd Chinese Communist Artillery Division, was withdrawn from combat in late April and replaced by the 27th Regiment of the 1st Artillery Division.

This is the first noted signal traffic passed by any element of the 2nd Artillery Division since 27 April.

9. Ship repair engineer needed by North Korean naval unit: An unidentified naval unit in Songjin, a large port on the northeast Korean coast, advised another unidentified unit in a 14 May message of its need for a ship repair engineer. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, 15RSM/12535, 14 May 52)

Comment: A North Korean unit failed in its 20 February effort to take Yang-do, the northernmost UN-held island off the Korean east coast. Recent South Korean naval interrogations have revealed that the enemy has been constructing wooden boats near Songjin for another attempt to capture the nearby island. The ship repair engineer's duties would presumably be concerned with this construction program.

10. Increased Soviet night interception noted over Korea: Recent communications on the Russian voice GCI net indicate that the three new Soviet fighter units first noted in Manchuria on 21 April began night combat operations against UN aircraft over Korea in mid-May. Each of these units has about 25 fighters, probably jets, and they may be operating from Anshan, 50 miles south of Mukden. Only one jet fighter regiment previously was engaged in regular night operations over Korea. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 98, 20 May 52)

Comment: The Far East Air Force also reports an increase since early May in enemy night interception of UN bombers, Although messages indicate that the enemy has assigned about 100 jets and 25 conventional fighters to this operation, their lack of airborne radar has hitherto prevented effective interception.

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11. Chinese artillery regiment describes field supply system in Korea: The 27th Chinese Communist Artillery Regiment in combat in western Korea on 17 May instructed its subordinate units that "when each unit needs (certain types) of ammunition it should first report to Regimental Forward Command Post (which will) authorize you to go to Rear Command Post and pick it up. . .if you need oil, provisions, etc., you should notify Rear Command Post directly (which will) notify you to come and pick it up." (SUEDE 301st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2906, 17 May 52)

Comment: Chinese tactical doctrine in field supply, even at the regimental level, apparently requires the unit needing supplies to travel to the rear for them. This is contrary to the American practice under which the supplier moves supplies forward as far as the battalion.

12. Missing Chinese Communist air division identified: At least 27 MIG-15's of the Chinese Communist 15th Air Division on 19 May began transferring from Takushan, near the Yalu River, to Kungchuling, about 250 miles north. On the following day 38 MIG's of the 6th Division began moving from Mukden to Takushan, to replace the 15th. (SUEDE 6920 Security Group DOG 508, 519, 19 May; AP 889, 20 May 52)

Comment: These are the first intercepted references to the 15th Air Division, which appears to have been at Takushan for at least several weeks. Every Chinese Communist air division from the 2nd to the 20th has now been identified. There is probably no Chinese Communist 1st Division because its number would conflict with the North Korean 1st which is based in Manchuria. Of the 19 Chinese divisions, 13 are equipped with jet fighters; since September 1951 nine of these have been deployed to Yalu River bases at one time or another.

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