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Withdrawal of Chinese unit from sensitive sector on Korean front indicated:

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On 25 June a North Korean regiment, an element of the IV Corps in the Pyongyang area, reported that a division of the Chinese 42nd Army had requested permission to reconnoiter "the defensive area" held by the regiment.

Comment: The 42nd Army, recently relieved from combat in west central Korea, is currently located by the Far East Command as immediately behind the front. Unless this unit is replaced, its withdrawal from a reserve position in the active west central sector will reduce Communist offensive capabilities in an invasion corridor.

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