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6. Improvements in Communist air defense system in North Korea reported: Analysis of messages [redacted] reveals a considerable extension of early warning coverage. The new grid provides for reports of UN aircraft approaching North Korea when they are well out in Korea Bay or the Sea of Japan "as far south as required."

Other recent messages on the Soviet early warning net indicate the presence of a radio range station, valuable for night interception operations, located near Huichon in north central Korea. A Soviet GCI station and two Chinese searchlight companies, to be used "in operations. . .with fighters," are also located at Huichon. (CANOE AF Roundup 157, 14 Aug; AF Roundup 158, 15 Aug 52)

7. Unidentified Chinese unit alludes to possible future operations: A recent Chinese Communist message, signed "Volunteer Rear Headquarters 5th Branch Unit," congratulated another unit, identified as the "4th Branch Unit," on their "high pro-revolutionary start on the Anti-America, Help Korea campaign." The message continued that "although our front line battle area is secure, the Americans still have their savage disposition. . .(and are). . .securely entrenched in the front lines. If we again fight a hard battle this (winter?), with courage, we can break up the dark plans of the American imperialists and win the final victory." (CANOE ASAPAC, PASAL 288, Spot 3789, 14 Aug 52)

Comment: The text of this plain language undated message suggests a propaganda exhortation from one Communist supply element to another. While the allusion to future operations is vague and conditional, still it represents a departure from the static defensive indications noted previously.

8. Enemy sensitive about possible UN attempt to recover a downed MIG-15: [redacted] a 7 August message signed by the "9th Unit Commander" stated: "According to the message of the United Command Headquarters. . .our air force fought against the F-86's in the sky over Nampo. . .Sariwon, and shot down one of them. . .at the same time, one of our aircraft was shot down."

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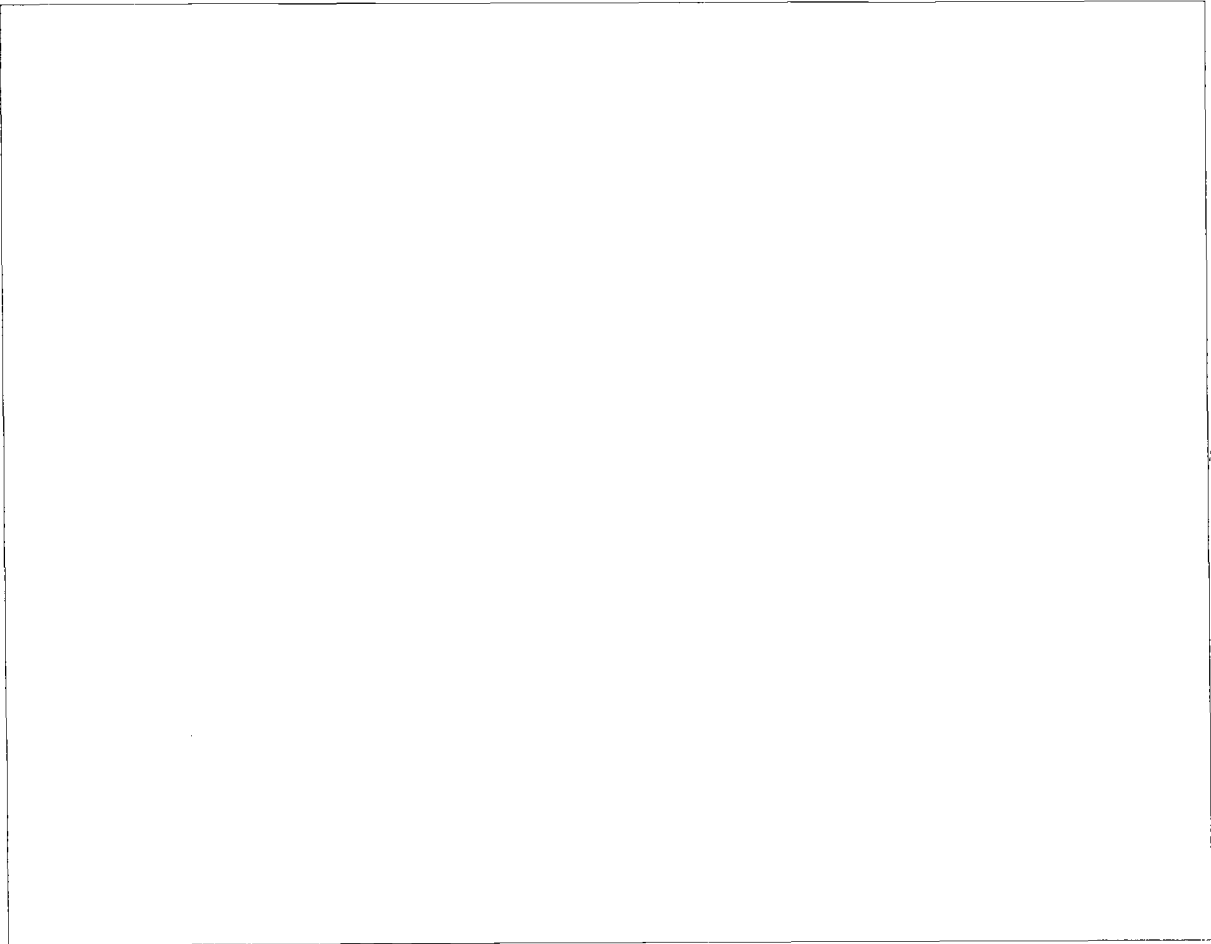
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The North Korean message then stated that "according to the enemy radio," the UN wanted to recover the missing aircraft. The subordinate unit was then requested to "investigate it completely and if it is our aircraft. . .and you cannot bring it, you will explode it to keep our secret from the enemy."
(CANOE FECOM Brief of SIB #559, 9 Aug 52)

Comment: This message contains much positive intelligence. It provides another clue to the nature of the "9th Branch Unit" of the joint Chinese-North Korean 81st Unit, tentatively located in this area; it indicates an enemy communications intelligence effort; and it points to enemy sensitivity concerning the recovery of their aircraft.



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