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North Koreans expect use of BW by United Nations: On 17 August the North Korean 21st Brigade notified a battalion commander of a Chinese Communist intelligence report that on 13 August the US Army shipped "creatures for experiment" from a Seoul suburb to Taegu.

On the same day, the Chinese report continued, another American Army unit transported five tons of "experimental material," probably dead rats, from Taegu to an unspecified air base. The sender cautions that all units should be on the watch for the "anticipated" enemy use of bacteriological warfare. (CANOE 15RSM/2253 Korea; 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-765, 17 Aug 52)

Comment: On several occasions during the Korean war, the Communist device of passing this type of intelligence to subordinate units has been a sufficient cue for return reports which are then used as "proof" of Communist propaganda charges.

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