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3. Chinese in Korea continue atomic warfare defense training: On 22 August an unidentified Chinese Communist antiaircraft unit notified a subordinate: "You must select the personnel to attend the training at the division. . . (on). . . knowledge of defense against atomic bomb." (CANOE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, P [] T200, 23 Aug. 52)

Comment: Previous references to atomic weapons defense have appeared in Chinese messages in 1952. It is believed that this training is carried on principally for its propaganda value and that it does not necessarily reflect Communist expectations of UN use of atomic weapons in Korea.

4. North Korean intercept of UN message leads to village evacuation: A 23 August message from the North Korean 21st Brigade to a subordinate battalion stated: "According to the enemy spy's radio report to their superiors, 350 North Korean troops. . . are at. . . on the US map. Therefore they requested that this place be bombed." The message ordered all battalions and detachments to take supplies to the field and to stay away from civilian areas. (CANOE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-M-562, 24 Aug; 6920 Security Grp Johnson AFB Japan, AP-643, 24 Aug 52)

Comment: This is the third recent incident in western Korea where enemy messages have indicated a Communist communications intelligence effort.

5. Chinese Communist unit obtains substantial amount of North Korean money: The Chinese Communist 402nd Antitank Regiment informed its headquarters, the 7th Artillery Division, on 21 August that it had dispatched a truck to the division rear to pick up "300,000 yuan in Korean money." The originator then states that the vehicle "up to this time. . . has not arrived." (CANOE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, L [] T186, 22 Aug 52)

Comment: It is probable that the Chinese Communists intend to use this substantial amount of North Korean money to pay for indigenous labor costs, food procurement and other expenses. Previously, in isolated incidents, the Chinese have created ill will by taking food from the North Korean civilians and stating that it would be returned later.

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