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6. North Korean antiaircraft defenses may be organized on a Supreme Command level: A 4 September message from an unidentified North Korean unit was addressed to the "Antiaircraft Artillery Department Chief." (CANOE L, [] T531, 4 Sept 52)

Comment: This message suggests that the five, or possibly six, independent North Korean antiaircraft artillery regiments are subordinate to a major headquarters similar to the "Artillery" and "Armored" Commands at Supreme Headquarters. Previous antiaircraft artillery messages have also indicated the possibility of a divisional echelon.

7. Chinese Communist paratroop capability assessed: Communist China has 138 twin-engine transports which could be used for paratroop operations, according to a recent analysis of intercepted messages. If based on airfields in southern Manchuria, these aircraft could carry at least 2,200 paratroopers to the front lines in Korea on a single flight. The Communists have as many as 244 conventional

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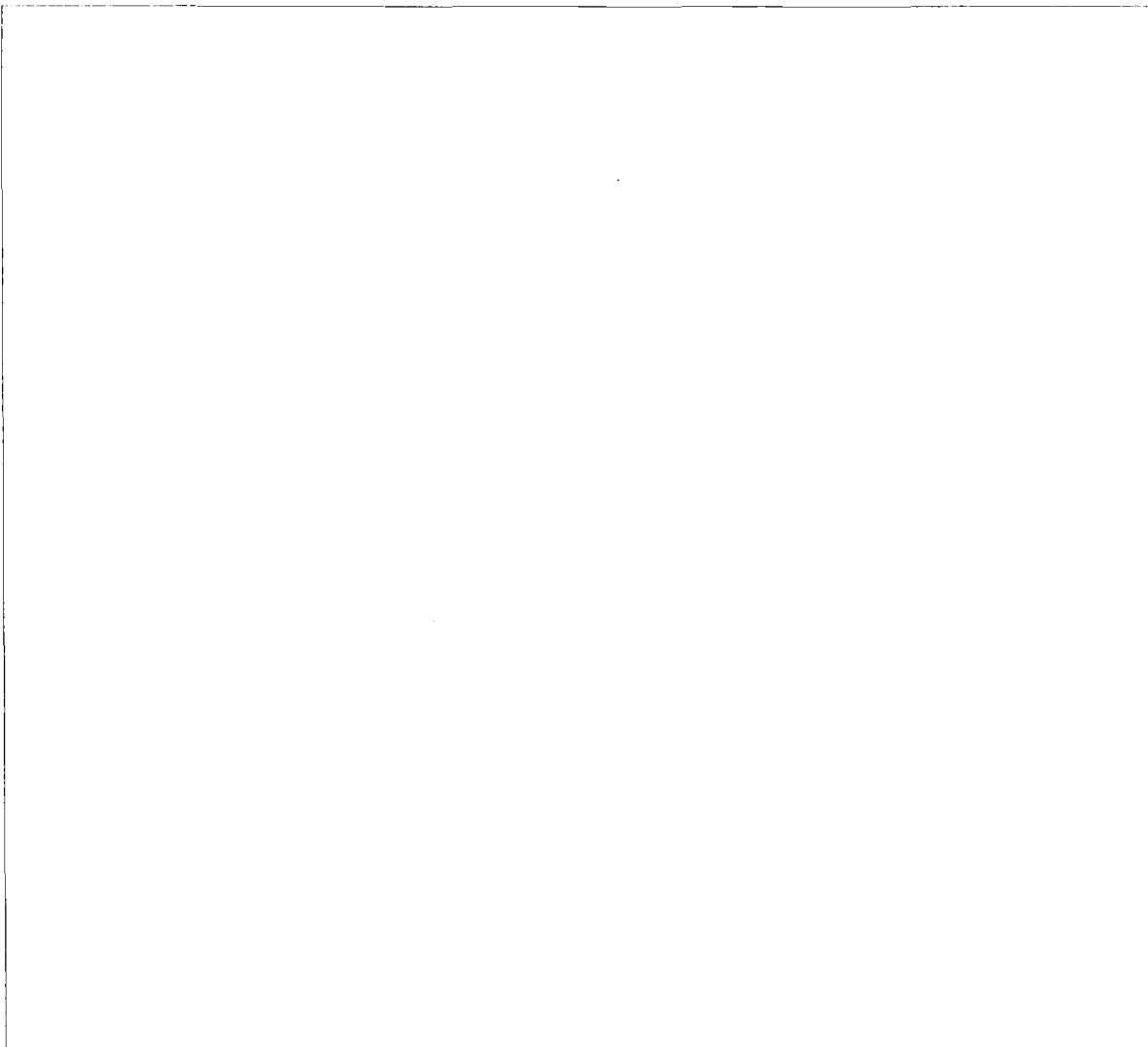
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bombers which could be used to drop supplies. (CANOE 6920 Security Grp Johnson AFB Japan, AP 848, 5 Sept 52)

Comment: Chinese Communist messages have identified only one airborne division, and paratroop training has been undertaken at three separate installations. No strength figures are available from communications intelligence, but estimates based on other sources have put overall paratroop strength as high as 25,000 men.



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