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4. North Korean aircraft vacate combat airfields in Yalu River complex: The planned movement on 15 October of 69 North Korean conventional aircraft from combat airfields in the Yalu River complex, including Sinuiju, to airfields in the Manchurian interior was reported on the Chinese navigational air net on 14 October.

The reporting Air Force field unit adds that a similar Chinese message of 12 October indicated that 34 Korean-piloted MIG-15's were to move from Antung on the Yalu River to Anshan in the interior. (CANOE AF Japan, AP-462, SPOT 451, 14 Oct 52)

Comment: These transfers will practically empty the airfields in the Yalu River complex of North Korean air units, still largely in a training phase. The move may be designed to provide facilities for additional trained Soviet or Chinese combat units.

5. Communist fears of UN amphibious operations still high: On 5 October the North Korean 21st Brigade in western Hwanghae Province instructed subordinate battalions that "according to the report of the Supreme Headquarters, 3,000 Japanese soldiers landed at Inchon on 15 September and three divisions of the US and British army assembled there." The message admonished the subordinate units to be especially alert for any indication of UN amphibious operations. (CANOE SKO-95, FECOM Special Intelligence Bulletin 595, 9 Oct 52)

Comment: Beginning in late August, Communist forces in Korea have been on a semi-alert status in anticipation of a UN coordinated land-air-amphibious offensive. It is apparent from this message that the enemy is still fearful of such an operation.

The enemy has alleged, both in intercepted military messages and propaganda broadcasts, that a considerable force of Japanese troops is serving with UN forces in Korea.

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