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3. North Korean VI Corps move nearly complete:

Re-examination of previous evidence indicates that the 18th, 19th and 36th Divisions (reported in the 12 February Dry Run Daily to have arrived near scheduled assembly areas in the Anju-Taechon area) are the only divisions known to be subordinate to the North Korean VI Corps. Earlier messages indicated that a reorganization of the North Korean Army was planned; in this reorganization scheme, it appeared that the VI Corps would be the nucleus of a new army, probably to contain nine divisions. Since there has been no information to indicate that the reorganization has been implemented, it is believed that the move of the VI Corps is now almost complete.

4. UN action seriously handicaps North Korean VIII Corps move:

North Korean Military VIII Corps messages from 10 to 12 February 10-13 Feb 51 ACORN indicate that UN air and naval attacks almost stopped the southward movement of the lead trains carrying elements of the Corps' 46th Division down the east coast rail line from Manchuria. Positions given in a 12 February progress report indicate that the lead trains have succeeded in advancing only about 20 miles since 7 February. A 10 February message reported that three of the following trains had been unloaded near Songjin (farther up the coast) and stated that thereafter "we shall unload trains here."

Comment: The first trains of the VIII Corps' 42nd Division are on the same east coast rail line, still only a few miles from the Manchurian border. The VIII Corps' 45th Division is entering Korea via an inland route and thus will not be as vulnerable to UN naval action.

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