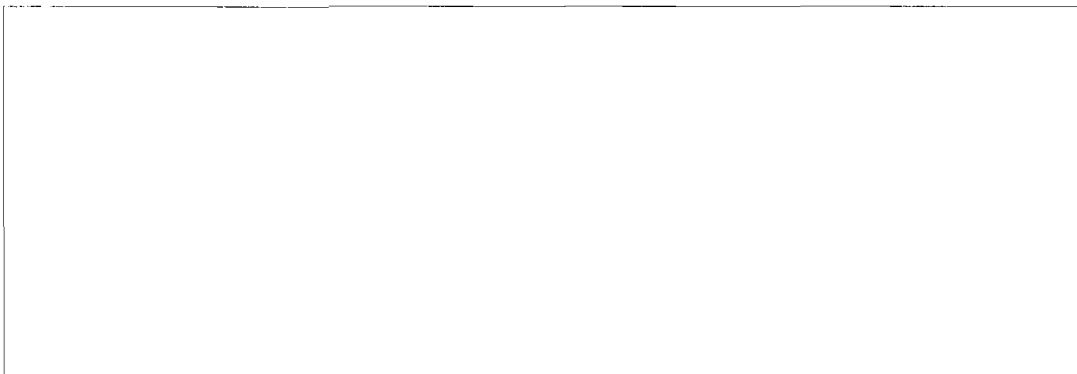


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9. CHINA/KOREA. Conventional fighters scheduled on combat mission: A message from Kirin to Mukden on 23 November scheduled nine planes, possibly IA-9 conventional fighters, on an "aerial combat mission." (SUEDE AS, CM IN 55821, 25 Nov 51)

Comment: The only conventional fighters regularly scheduled for Korean combat missions in Chinese Communist messages are a group of Soviet-led IA-11 night fighters based at Anshan. Collateral sources, however, have indicated the possibility that IA-9's have been used in the Korean air war.

There is some doubt that the Communists are sending aircraft to combat from Kirin (at least 200 miles from the combat area), and this may be a practice on border patrol fight.

10. KOREA. Korean-operated GCI net reported in northwestern Korea: Recent Air Force field analysis indicates the presence of an active ground controlled intercept net using the Korean language. This new net, possibly located in the Sinuiju-Antung area, has reported both aerial combat and the landing of aircraft. (SUEDE AFSS Korea CM IN 55379, 23 Nov 51)

Comment: Inasmuch as North Koreans are not known to possess either jet interceptor aircraft or radar, it is possible that this net employs visual means to supplement the known Russian GCI radar net in this area. There is insufficient information available to conjecture on the Korean net's position in the air defense of northwestern Korea.

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