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7. New airfield operational in Antung area: Chinese Communist messages since late November have made frequent references to flights to and from Shihchiakang, believed located between Antung and Tatungkou airfields. The aircraft noted may be those of the IA-11-equipped Fourth Air Regiment from nearby Fengoheng airfield. (SUEDE USAFSS CM IN 58284, 4 Dec 51)

Comment: No jet activity has yet been observed at this new airfield. It may be suitable only for conventional aircraft, which require much shorter runways than jets.

8. KOREA. North Koreans form small amphibious unit: A 4 December message, probably from a North Korean Brigade on west coast defense duty, ordered a subordinate battalion: "Organize 80 men for the attack unit. The unit will be equipped with three light machine guns or automatic weapons, four 82mm mortars. You should prepare the ships to land on. You may use the wooden ships which your battalion captured. You should report the organization results by 17 December." (SUEDE AS CM IN 58443, 5 Dec 51)

Comment: During November, Chinese Communist forces of battalion strength, with varying degrees of air support, have succeeded in capturing all important UN-held islands in the Simmi-group, south of the Yalu river estuary. More recently, on 3 December, a North Korean unit of unidentified composition unsuccessfully attempted to capture a UN-held island south of the 38th parallel and due west of Seoul.

9. North Korean opinion on cease-fire given: A 4 December North Korean message, probably from a tactical unit in the Kaesong-Panmunjon area, reports that "in the peace-talk conference, they are discussing the cease-fire inspection committee and are also making records of the P.W.'s and their location. This is in reference to the P.W. exchange. The cease-fire agreement will be possible as the enemy delegates have conceded much at this meeting." (SUEDE AS CM IN 58464, 5 Dec 51)

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Comment: It appears from the context that the sender is a North Korean regimental staff officer in the tactical unit charged with the security of the area south of Kaesong. The message is probably an accurate reflection of information and propaganda circulating in the area of the regiment's responsibility.

10. Production of ammunition in North Korea continues: A North Korean message of mid-November from Kanggye to the Ministry of Industry in Pyongyang announced that "the gun powder (for?) factory 26" had been unloaded from a freight car at the Kanggye station and later transported "to the warehouse and (stored?) there." (SUEDE AS CM IN 58124, 20 Nov 51)

Comment: This message indicates the continued production of ammunition in North Korea, either at Kanggye or Pyongyang, or at some point between.

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