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2. North Koreans form small amphibious unit:

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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."

Comment: During November, Chinese Communist forces of batallion strength, with varying degrees of air support, have succeeded in capturing all important UN-held islands in the

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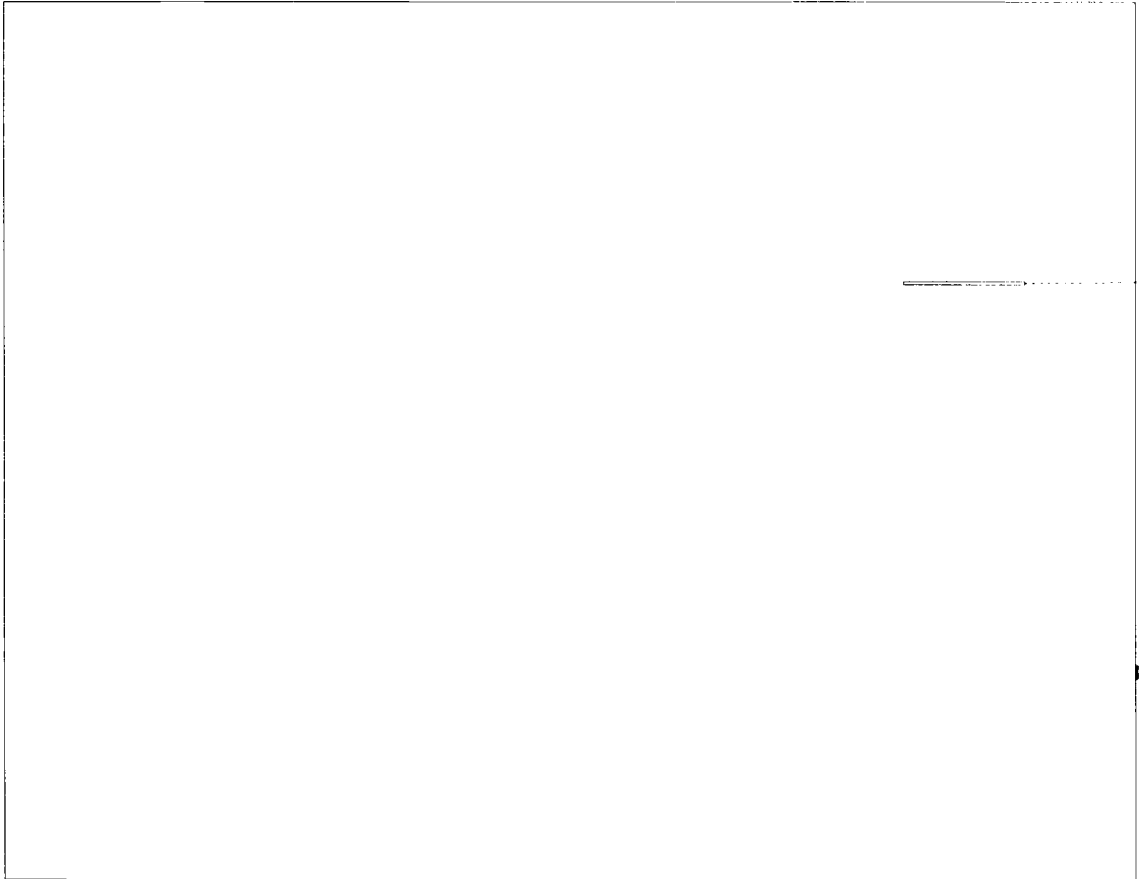
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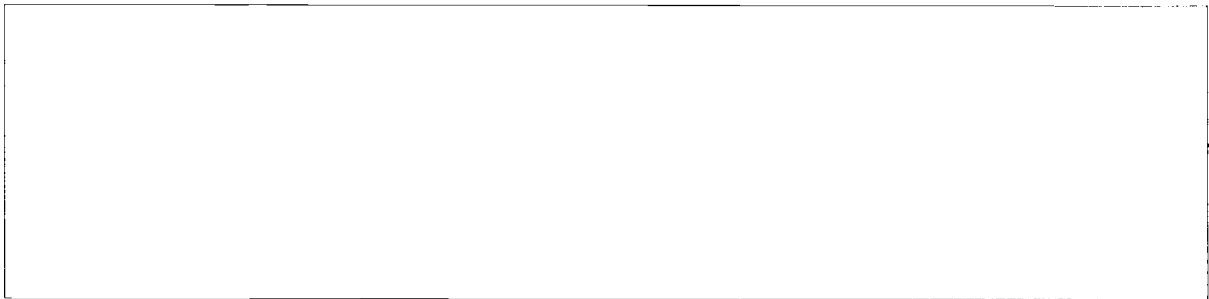
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Sinmi-group, south of the Yalu river estuary. More recently on 3 December a North Korean unit of unidentified composition unsuccessfully attempted to capture a UN-held island south of the 38th parallel and due west of Seoul.

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