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1. Chinese ground attack aircraft transferred to Korean border:US Air Force
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The Chinese Communist Eleventh Air Division, equipped with IL-10 ground attack aircraft, was scheduled to move to Fengcheng (near the Korean border) on 13 December. The reporting field unit comments that the Eleventh Division was recently noted carrying out intensive ground attack training with live ammunition, and that this move will augment the Chinese Communists' immediate capability for close support.

Comment: Thirty-two IL-10's of the Eleventh Air Division moved from the Nanking area to central Manchuria in late October. It is unlikely that these slow, conventional aircraft of limited range would be committed in any area in which the Communists did not possess a degree of air superiority.

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