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4. Two-month supply level scheduled for North Korean unit:
A 13 June message from a unit that may be the supply component of the 10th North Korean Mechanized Division, near Pyongyang, stated that "the guarantee of the service of supply of the army unit in the rainy season. . .wheat flour for 14 days and nights, and subsidiary foods for 40 days and nights. . .(had been received). . .from the General Service of Supply Bureau." Another 12 June message from the same unit indicated that "provisions for 60 days and nights will be provided by June 30." (SUEDE ROK Int Grp M Korea, SK-K-205 and SK-K-211, 13 June 52)

Comment: A similar supply level was decreed recently for Chinese Communist units in the battle line, and there is evidence that at least some units have already achieved this level.

Regardless of whether this stockpiling was undertaken in anticipation of summer rains and floods, it is evident that a substantial improvement in enemy logistical capabilities will have been effected when this program is completed.

5. Communists remain concerned with BW in Korea: An unidentified Chinese Communist artillery regiment on 12 June informed its subordinate elements that "an investigating committee. . . is coming to Korea to investigate the releasing of germs and insects by enemy planes and artillery. Request that men be found who can verify the releasing of germs. . ."

On 13 June another Chinese artillery regimental commander stated in a message that "Army called my regiment tonight and ordered all chairmen and assistant chairmen of the anti-plague commission to attend the meeting." The sender continued that "the topic of the meeting will be anti-plague project and establishment of anti-plague program for the summer and autumn seasons." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3837 and K-3838, 14 June 52)

Comment: The enemy is continuing to accumulate data to support his charges that the UN used biological warfare weapons in Korea. It is noteworthy that Malik on 16 June requested a UN Security Council meeting to discuss these same charges.

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6. Possible North Korean 10th Mechanized Division command conference held: "The conference of the commanders of the units under my control shall be convened on the 17th and on the 18th," states a 14 June North Korean message, possibly sent by the commander of the 10th Mechanized Division.

In this regard, messages sent on the same communication system on 11 and 13 June suggest that possibly subordinate elements of the 10th were participating in joint reconnaissance training activities with elements of the North Korean 4th and 5th Infantry Divisions, stationed in the Pyongyang area. A related 12 June message indicates that another subordinate unit is "making preparations to participate in . . . to be carried out from June 15. . ." (SUEDE 330th Comm Recon Grp Korea, BLT-252, 13 June; ROK Int Grp M Korea, SK-K-217, 13 June; 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-K-224, 14 June; ROK Int Grp M Korea, SK-K-236, 14 June 52)

Comment: The recently mechanized North Korean 10th Division has been receiving equipment and personnel, and has been in training since its conversion from an infantry unit. These messages suggest that the unit has reached a fairly advanced state of preparedness for combat.

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