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2. North Korean tactical unit signs anti-US atrocity document: A North Korean tactical unit on the west coast reported on 21 June that "the number of persons who participated in the signing of the Koje-do prisoner appeal petition were 16 officers, 31 non-commissioned officers and 50 enlisted men." (SUEDE 330th Comm Recon Grp Korea, ALT-696, 22 June 52)

Comment: Shortly after the UN informed the Communists in late April that only 70,000 prisoners desired to be repatriated, an unidentified North Korean unit was instructed in a message to agitate among the troops against the UN action. It is possible that the document referred to in the 22 June message represents the end result of the Communist order to agitate.

3. Chinese Communist rocket launcher division plans to use signal flags: Detailed directions for using flags to give adjustments for rocket launcher firings were in an 18 June message from the Chinese Communist 21st Rocket Launcher Division to one of its subordinates. The flags are apparently used only to show the observer whether the correction is for elevation or direction, and once this is established the change in figures is shouted. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3997, 18 June 52)

Comment: The fire of rocket launchers can be rapidly adjusted by oral and visual signals. This eliminates complicated mathematics and makes it possible to engage targets rapidly. For this reason simple flag communications would be valuable to newly trained artillery units.

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