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4. Elements of Chinese Communist 47th Army may be moving toward front lines: The 47th Chinese Communist Army is carried by [redacted] near Suan in the immediate rear area. Communications intelligence has indicated, by direction finder, the move of an unidentified net control station from the Suan area some 17 miles south toward the battle line.

Far East Command comments, however, that DF locations have not been accurate in the past and therefore the move of the 47th Army from Suan is not accepted. FECOM points out, nevertheless, that it is "plausible" that elements of the 47th Army may be moving closer to the battle line to relieve or reinforce front line units. (CANOE Headquarters United Nations and FECOM, Watch Report 61, 14 July 52)

5. North Korean armored units in northwest activated: In a message to a ranking officer at North Korean Armored Forces Headquarters on 19 July, an armored forces inspector reported that "the military flag awarding ceremony for the unit at

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Chongchong River has been held." The inspector continued that the activation ceremony "for the unit in Sinuiju will be held on the morning of the 20th." He added that he will have some contact with the "208th," an armored training regiment in northwestern Korea. (CANOE 15RSM/707, Korea, 20 July 52)

Comment: Armor was observed through communications intelligence arriving in Korea in considerable quantities in late April. During May and June, the newly-formed armored units subordinate to North Korean armored forces headquarters were apparently organized and given basic training. Since about 10 July, armored units have been inspected and activated by headquarters staff officers.

There is no indication that the enemy intends to employ his augmented armored potential in the near future.

6. Infantry personnel in North Korean Army taught "tank raiding": A 17 July message, passed on a net associated with the North Korean I Corps on the east coast, requested a "report on the name and attachment of the officers and non-commissioned officers who went to attend the lecture of the division for the tank raiding team." (CANOE ROK Int Grp M Korea, SK-L-436, 18 July 52)

Comment: This message offers further evidence of tank-infantry training in the North Korean Army.

7. North Korean unit to send personnel "abroad" to study: A 19 July message passed between two North Korean units probably subordinate to the VII Corps, stated that a number of soldiers would be sent "abroad to study." The personnel selected for the assignment, according to the originator, must carry a personal history form, a physical examination card and "the written judgement of the commanding officer." (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, SK-L-532, 20 July 52)

Comment: It is probable that the term "abroad" refers to Manchuria, where it is likely that some North Korean technical and replacement training facilities still exist.

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