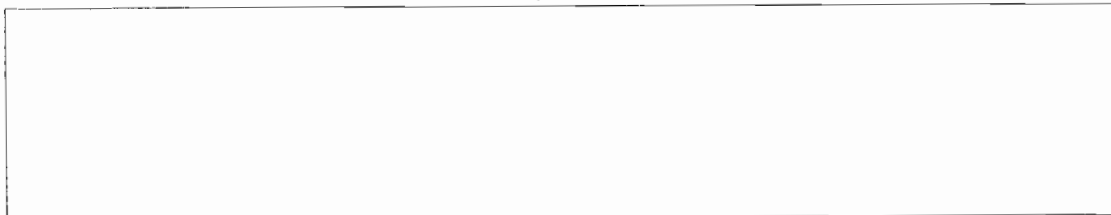
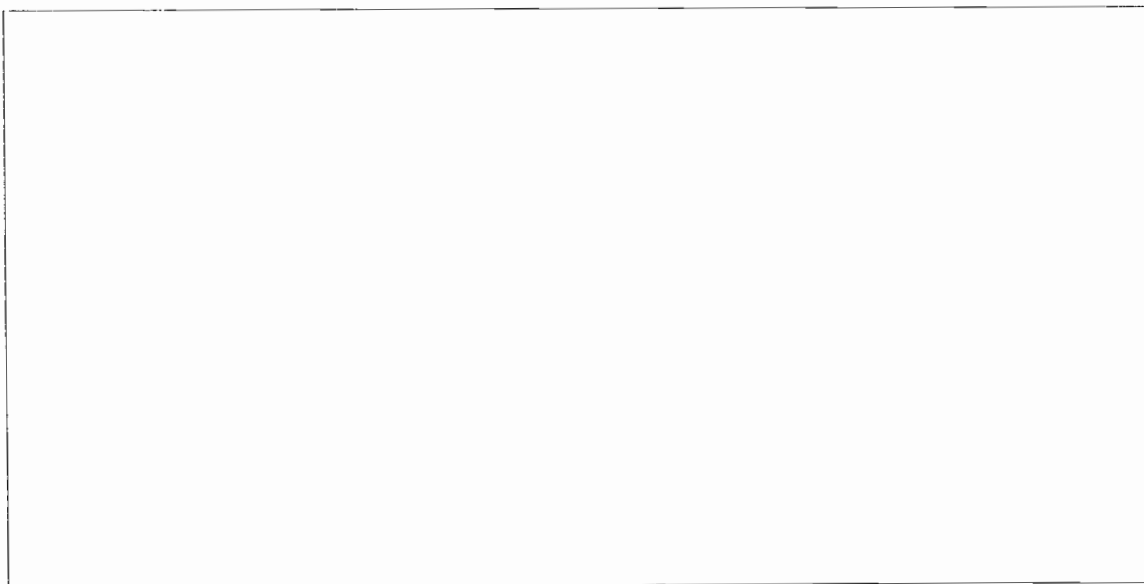


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2. "Spies" captured by North Korean 23rd Brigade: A battalion of the North Korean 23rd Brigade stated on 14 July that it had contacted nine "spies," seven of whom were killed while trying to escape. The message revealed that the two remaining prisoners were turned over to "the Social Security Dept." (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, 15 RSM/447, 16 July 52)

Comment: Most [redacted] reports and POW interrogations show that the Communist military authorities handle captured UN and ROK personnel. The North Korean Ministry of Social Security is a powerful internal organization in charge of over-all security, both military and civilian, and presumably interrogates all "spies." One bureau of the Ministry deals with espionage activities.



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