TOP SECRET CANOE

29 Jan 53 C18

NR

NR

FAR EAST

3. North Korean Air Force noted in twin-jet bomber training:

US Air Force 27 Jan 53 CANOE Poundage - 17

On 27 January 18 IL-28's took part in local training flights from Kungchuling, Manchuria. The pilot in command of this flight has been previously associated with the North Korean 11th Air Division.

An intercepted message of 25 January revealed plans for cross-country flights, possibly from Kungchuling, by 28 IL-28's.

Comment: This is the first observed training activity at the Kungchuling air base, recently associated only with the North Korean Air Force. It is a further indication that the latter is the recipient of the IL-28 aircraft ferried to Kungchuling from the Soviet Union in the past three months.

TOP SECRET CANOE

APPROVED FOR RELEASE DATE: 24-Mar-2010