

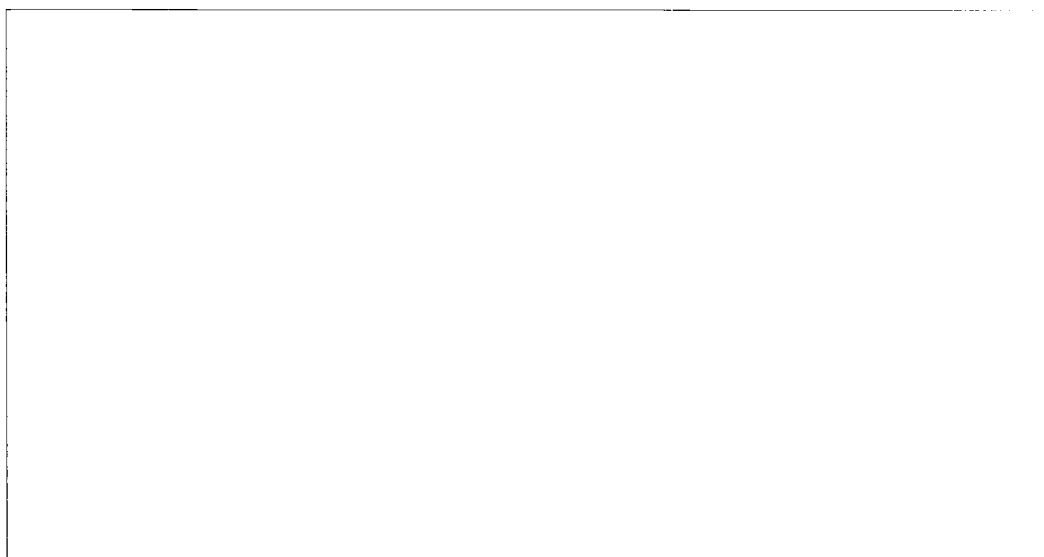
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**4. Heavy Chinese Communist concentration indicated in central Korea:**

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Traffic analysis suggests that by 12 July the Chinese Communist 12th Army had moved from its mid-May location near Wonsan on the east coast to positions near the 21st Army, believed to be in the central sector.

In addition, two recently captured prisoners report being told that the 15th Army left the

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Wonsan area in late June and was now located somewhere near the central front.

**Comment:** Several intercepted messages, one as late as 23 July, have strongly suggested that major Chinese and North Korean attacks may take place along a wide front within a few days. The movement of the 12th and 15th Armies to the central front places three Chinese armies close enough to the front to exploit a break-through.

The 54th and 16th Armies were first reported moving to the central sector about 24 June. Since mid-June, therefore, two and possibly five Chinese Communist armies have apparently moved into the central sector between Chorwon and the Pukhan River, a distance of approximately 40 miles, to augment the four armies already there.

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