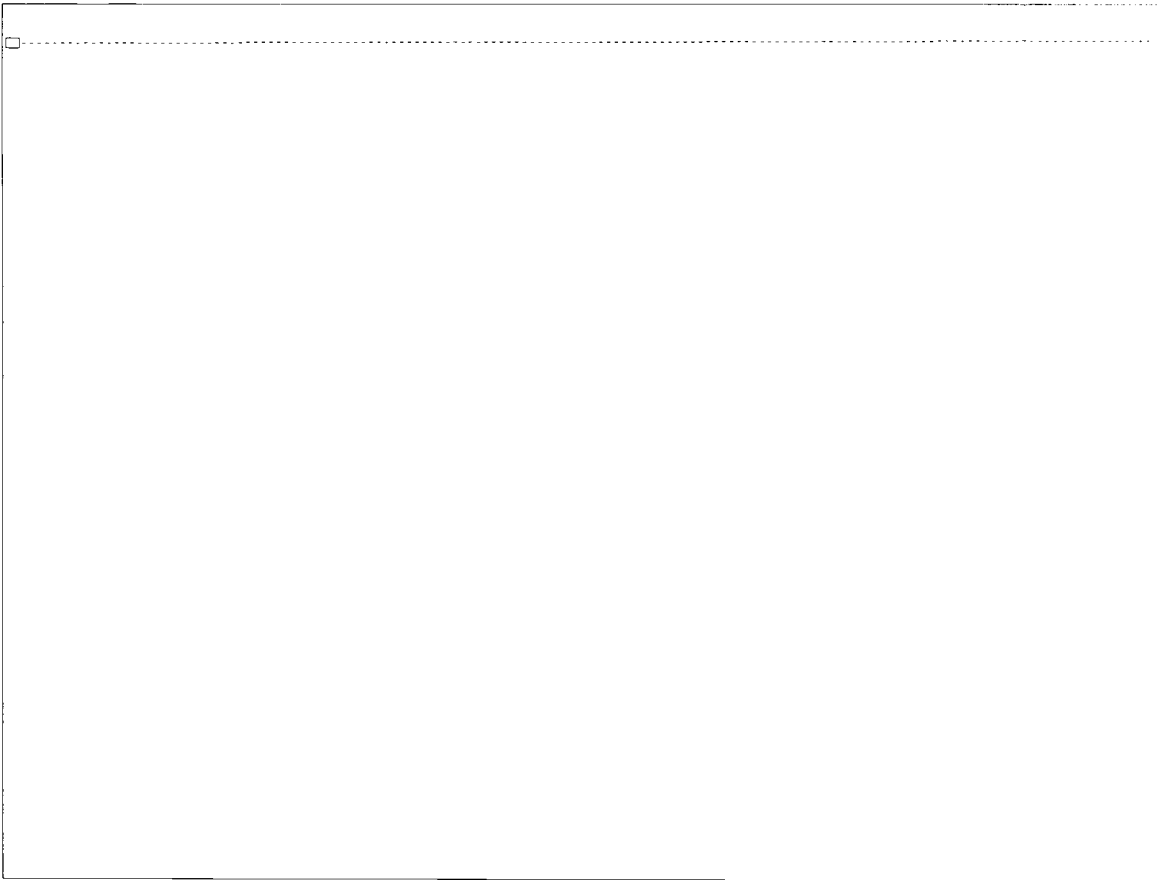


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2. Aircraft probably introduced into North Korea since truce:

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Aircraft, possibly North Korean, may have been operating on 15 August from the Namsi airfield approximately 15 miles north of Chongju on the west coast, according to a Chinese military message. The message sent by a "main depot" to several recipients stated: "On 15 August during the Korean review of the 70 aircraft, the line of flight will be from Namsi to Pyongyang, then return to Namsi."

Comment: The above message, although not stating specifically that the 70 aircraft landed at Namsi airfield, strongly suggests that they were based at that field or nearby. Recent returning American war prisoners reported that on 15 August they saw twin-engine jet bombers and jet fighters in an air show over the North Korean capital.

[redacted] when the cease-fire became effective there was only an insignificant number of combat aircraft in North Korea. The armistice agreement signed on 27 July prohibits the reinforcement of combat aircraft in Korea by either side except for the replacement of damaged or worn-out aircraft.

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