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1. Military situation relatively unchanged—The relative quiet prevailed on the Korean front during the past 24 hours. In the south sector, North Korean forces are believed to be regrouping along the south coast. In the center sector, the most important development has been the clearing out of the communication line of the US 27th Regiment which had previously been cut by enemy forces. Meanwhile, enemy pressure in this sector appears to have eased. In the north, South Korean forces have been forced back slightly under strong North Korean pressure. In the east, South Korean units continued to move northward. Naval action consisted solely of patrolling and bombarding targets along the east coast. B-29's bombed chemical plants at Hungnam with excellent results. According to air intelligence reports, five new fighter-type aircraft have been identified at a North Korean airbase.

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