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13. KOREA. North Korean railroad security regiments ordered to form special antiaircraft units: According to a preliminary field translation of a 16 October North Korean message, the North Korean Railroad Security Division in Pyongyang has ordered its 7th and 8th Railroad Security Regiments in northeastern Korea to organize an "antiaircraft group in each battalion" of 23 men and officers equipped with "heavy machine guns, light machine guns, and rifles." The units are to be "mobile" and are to protect "bypasses and bridges which are attacked by numerous planes." A report on the execution of this project is to be submitted to the Railroad Division commander by 25 October. (SUEDE CM IN 45779, Pyongyang-Hamhung, 16 Oct 51)

Comment: This increase of units in northeastern Korea with a specific antiaircraft mission of protecting vulnerable line of communication targets further illustrates Communist determination to maintain the flow of supplies along the east coast rail route.

14. Russians in Korea search for downed US jets: A 7 October message on the Soviet ground-controlled intercept net in Korea reports that "the detachment departed to search for the (F-8?)4 at 1700 on 6 October." (SUEDE 2446, M-M, 7 Oct 51)

Comment: It would appear normal for Soviet air personnel in Korea to attempt to recover late-model US jet aircraft for technical intelligence purposes.

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