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1. Chinese Communist light bomber divisions may enter combat:

US Air Force 5 Nov 51 SUEDE The commanders of the Eighth and Tenth Chinese Communist Air Divisions, which are equipped with TU-2 light bombers, flew to Antung on the Kancan Manchurian border on

AF-family 235 2/307- Antung on the Korean-Manchurlan border on 29 October. The Air Force comments that these visits suggest a high-level conference at Antung, at which the entry of TU-2's into the Korean war may have been considered.

 $\begin{array}{c} \mbox{Comment: Since October the Eighth Air Division}\\ \mbox{and a regiment of the Tenth have been based at Mukden and Liaoyang re-}\\ \mbox{spectively. The Korean battlefront is well within the operational radius of}\\ \mbox{TU-2's from these fields.} \end{array}$

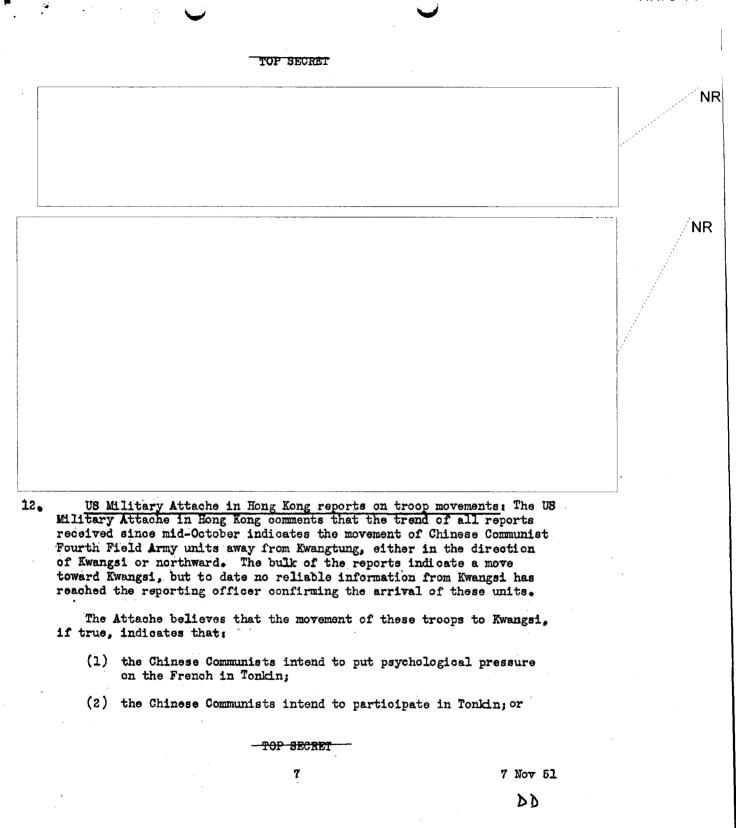
A significant increase in bomber strength and intensity of training was noted in Manchuria during October, when the Chinese concentrated all their known light bomber strength, about 100 TU-2's, in Manchuria by moving several bomber-equipped divisions from China. The Tenth Division bombers at Liaoyang appear to be employing particularly specialized tactics, with one or more bombers equipped with radar.

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(3) the Second Field Army units are being withdrawn from South China probably for employment in Korea and Manchuria, and the Fourth Field Army is extending to cover the gap. The reporting officer feels that, in view of the presence in Korea of Chen Keng, field commander of the Second Field Army. this is the most likely.

<u>Comment</u>: There have been several recent reports indicating a movement of troops of the Fourth Field Army from Kwangtung to Kwangsi province. However, they all remain unconfirmed and are, therefore, not accepted pending further information.

13.	Rail congestion in Manchuria reported:			
	the rumor, now current in Harbin, that the rail			
	line from the USSR is increasingly congested. Shipments of consumer			
	goods have been banned during some periods.			
	that by January 1952 it will be impossible			
	to ship consumer goods from the USSR to Harbin.			
	whether the volume of war			
	materiel delivered by rail has changed, but a change in the			
	composition of freight. Whereas previously the emphasis had been on tanks,			
	crated planes and cannon, there was more recently a greater variety of			
	materiel, including Czech and Russian six-wheeled trucks and a number of			
	rocket-launohers.			
	Comment: The heavy demand for military transport on Manchuria's			
	railways has on several occasions resulted in temporary suspensions of			
	passenger and ordinary commercial freight service. A continuing strain			

railways has on several occasions resulted in temporary suspensions of passenger and ordinary commercial freight service. A continuing strain on the rail net is indicated by the shortage of Soviet shipping and by difficulties encountered in chartering Western-flag vessels.

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