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2. Communists may be accumulating prisoner of war data for cease-fire negotiations:

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Army Security Agency Korea Clarification was requested from Pyongyang on 21 November by a North Korean railroad security and training regiment "with regard to

C.M-10-55319 - 53079 drawing up a list of names of liberated privates . . . now serving in our unit. " The message identifies the "liberated privates" as South Koreans.

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An earlier message of 14 November from a North Korean tactical division on the west coast to one of its subordinate regiments ordered that unit to "report the investigation of the prisoners of war and liberated troops who will be assigned in the future in accordance with the prisoner of war investigation..."

Comment: The coincidence of this compilation with the approach of point four of the cease-fire agenda -- exchange of prisoners of war -- suggests the possibility that the Communists are preparing documentation for serious negotiation on this point.

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