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10. KOREA. Communists resume jet flights over Korea after lull: Chinese messages reveal that MIG-15's of the Chinese Communist Third and Sixth Divisions were active over Korea on 23 December. These are the first jet flights which have been noted in the combat zone in four days. On both 23 and 24 December jets from the Sixth Division were scheduled to fly from their base near Antung to Pyongyang and back. (SUEDE Air Force 240415Z Dec, CM IN 63636; Air Force 232355Z Dec, CM IN 63458)

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Comment: There are sufficient Chinese, Korean and Soviet MIG-15's based near the Korean border to fly 400 combat sorties a day. Bad weather may have caused the recent absence of enemy jet flights over Korea.

North Korean intelligence operation in Japan and Hong Kong revealed:
Recently available North Korean messages reveal some particulars of a
North Korean intelligence operation in Japan and Hong Kong. During the
period covered--April 1951 through October 1951--the three principal
stations involved were Antung and Tungwha in Manchuria and Canton in
South China, the latter being the operational base for collection of
information concerning Japan and Hong Kong.

Korean agents, sometimes in the guise of Chinese, were dispatched and returned through Canton via Hong Kong. One message inquires about the possibility of "Chinese nationals" obtaining English citizenship in Hong Kong. There are some slight indications that entry into Japan may have been achieved by passing the agents through South Korea. The scope of their activities in Japan is not revealed, although one report from Hong Kong gives considerable detail on UN warships passing through Hong Kong as well as data on merchant ships.

Collateral information reveals that two of the more important persons mentioned in the messages, Kim Tong Su and Kim Yang Chun, were and possibly still are deputy chiefs of the Third Office of the State Security Bureau in North Korea. The Third Office in this bureau is responsible for external intelligence, including South Korea. (SUEDE 11/51, 23 Apr 51 26/51, 5 May 51 19/51, 14 May 51: 01/51, 1 Sep 51; 1/51, 8 Sep 51; 06/51, 10 Sep 51; 02/51, 30 Oct 51)

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