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9. Reappearance of Moscow-Pyongyang traffic may be significant: Moscow-originated traffic addressed to "Korrespondent 20," identified as connected with military activities in the Soviet Military Mission in Korea, was intercepted on 16 and 17 April for the first time since 28 October 1951.

The reappearance of this addressee in traffic is a possible indicator of the resumption of military activity. (SUEDE AFSA RU-TIB 1949, 23 Apr 52)

Comment: The significance of 28 October 1951 lies in its proximity to the end of active military operations in Korea. Prior to this, there was an apparent correlation between the volume of "Korr 20" traffic and the intensity of military operations.

The reappearance of "Korr 20" is not in itself conclusive evidence of anticipated military activity, since intercepted messages are presumed to represent only the overflow of traffic from land lines.

10. Chinese Communist unit wants map of Korean front: "It is necessary that I go to Army to procure and return with maps which clearly define both the enemy's and our zone of authority" across the entire peninsula, reported an unidentified Chinese Communist unit on 16 April. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2318, 19 Apr 52)

Comment: This information suggests that the enemy unit, probably of division size or less, wishes a broader view of the front, including the line of contact. No immediate significance can be attached to this message.

11. Communists in Korea uneasy about UN intentions: "In the zone between the enemy armies and our own all the way to the western sea cliffs, there is some kind of changing activity going on, but as yet the Army has not advised us of the nature of the activity," a Chinese Communist unit reported on 18 April. The message continued reassuringly, however, that when "Volunteer Headquarters" ascertains the activity "they will in turn tell us." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2368, 21 Apr 52)

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Comment: This message intimates that the enemy fears a possible UN operation. Similar apprehensions have been recently expressed in other enemy messages and in prisoner of war statements.

12. Political meeting to be held by North Korean mechanized division: The "Political Department Chief" of the North Korean 10th Division, recently mechanized, instructed a subordinate political officer on 20 April that an unidentified type of meeting was to begin on 22 April. (SUEDE 330th Comm Recon Grp Korea, [] 3201, 21 Apr 52)

Comment: There has been an increase during the past weeks in the number of conferences scheduled by various North Korean and Chinese Communist units. High level meetings have generally preceded previous enemy offensives.

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