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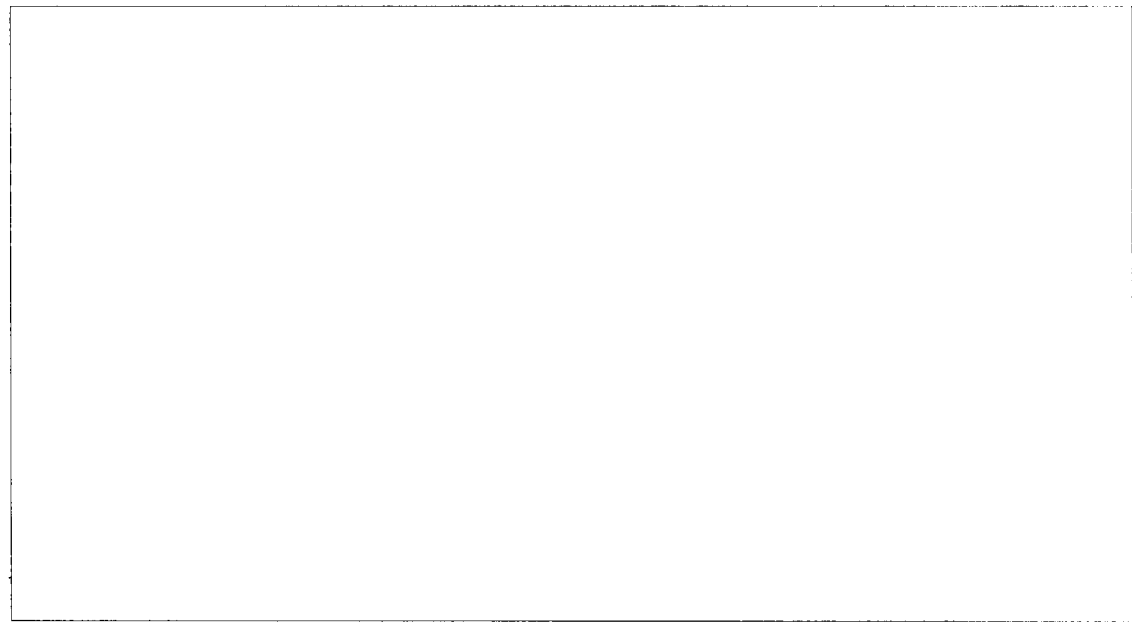
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1. North Korean aircraft vacate combat airfields in Yalu River complex:

US Air Force Japan 14 Oct 52 CANOE <i>AP-462</i> <i>m. 451</i>	The planned movement on 15 October of 69 North Korean conventional aircraft from combat airfields in the Yalu River complex, including Sinuiju, to airfields in the Manchurian interior was reported on the Chinese navigational air net on 14 October.
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The reporting Air Force field unit adds that a similar Chinese message of 12 October indicated that 34 Korean-piloted MIG-15's were to move from Antung on the Yalu River to Anshan in the interior.

Comment: These transfers will practically empty the airfields in the Yalu River complex of North Korean air units, still largely in a training phase. The move may be designed to provide facilities for additional trained Soviet or Chinese combat units.



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