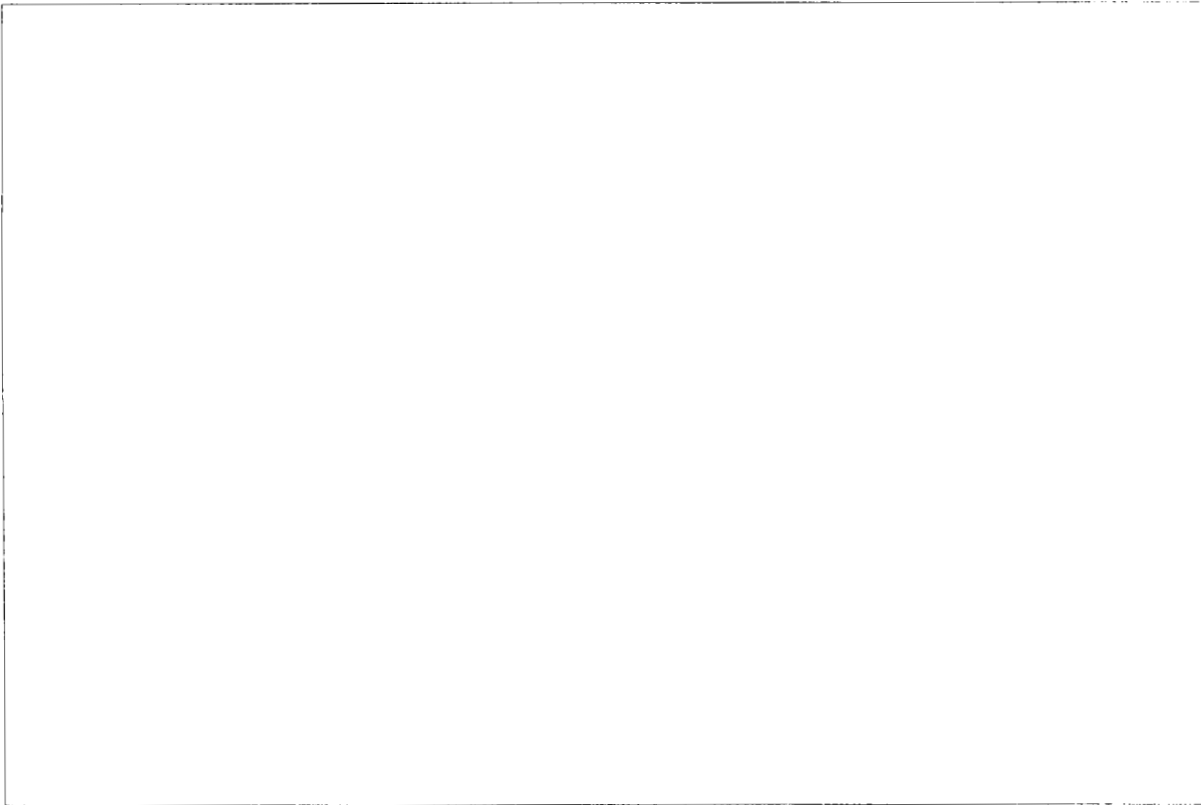


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2. North Korean air force activates two new regiments:

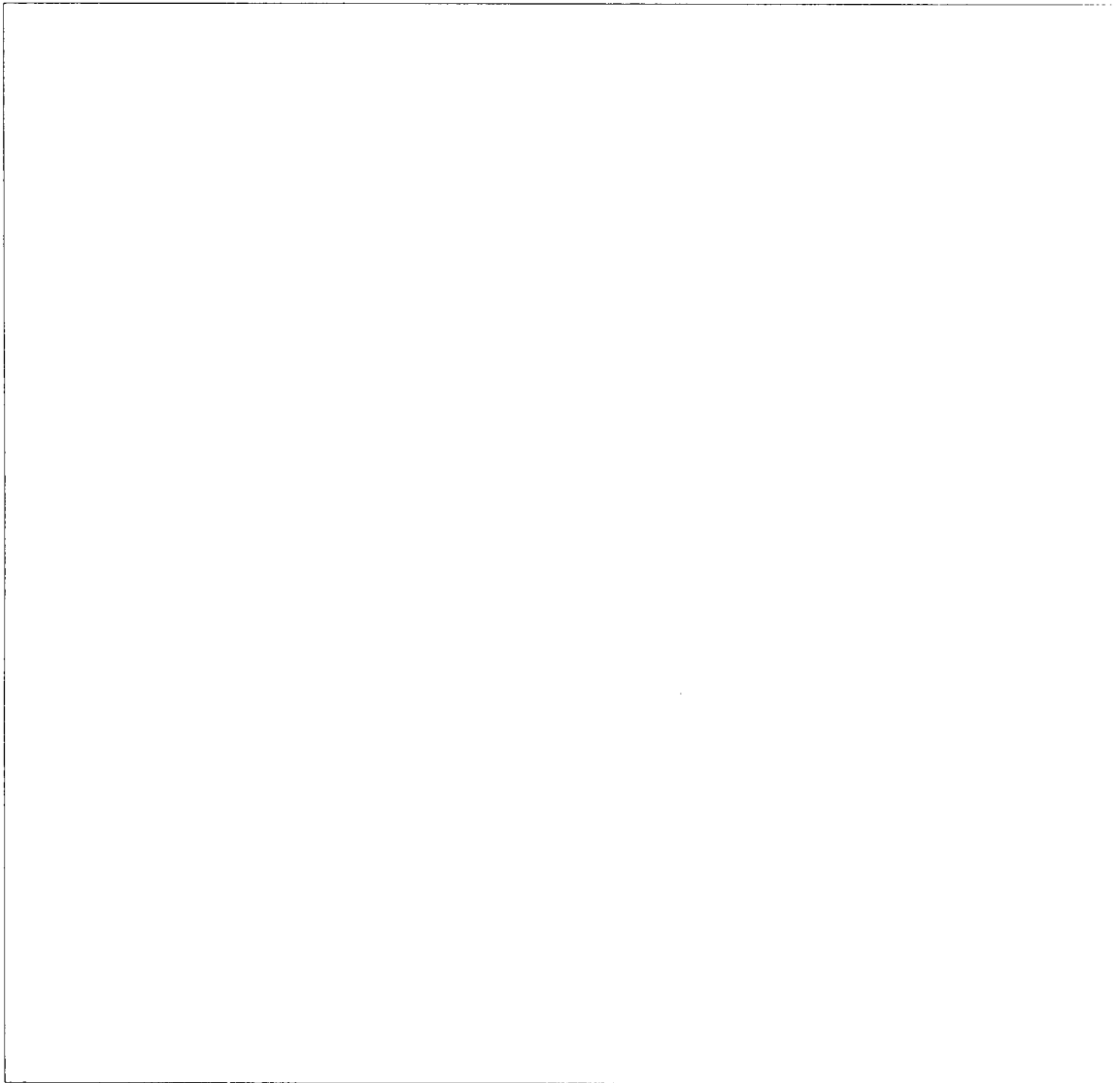
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Two new North Korean air regiments, believed to be equipped with MIG-15 jet fighters, were identified in Manchuria by message intercepts on 3 February. One of the units, the 58th, is based at Kungchuling while the 56th may be operating out of Anshan.

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Comment: Previously, the North Korean MIG-15 fighter strength consisted of two regiments of the 1st Air Division, probably based about 125 miles east of Mukden, with a minimum strength of 63 MIG-15's. A number of recent intercepts have indicated the possible delivery of MIG-15 aircraft to Kungchuling, as well as increased jet fighter activity in this area.



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