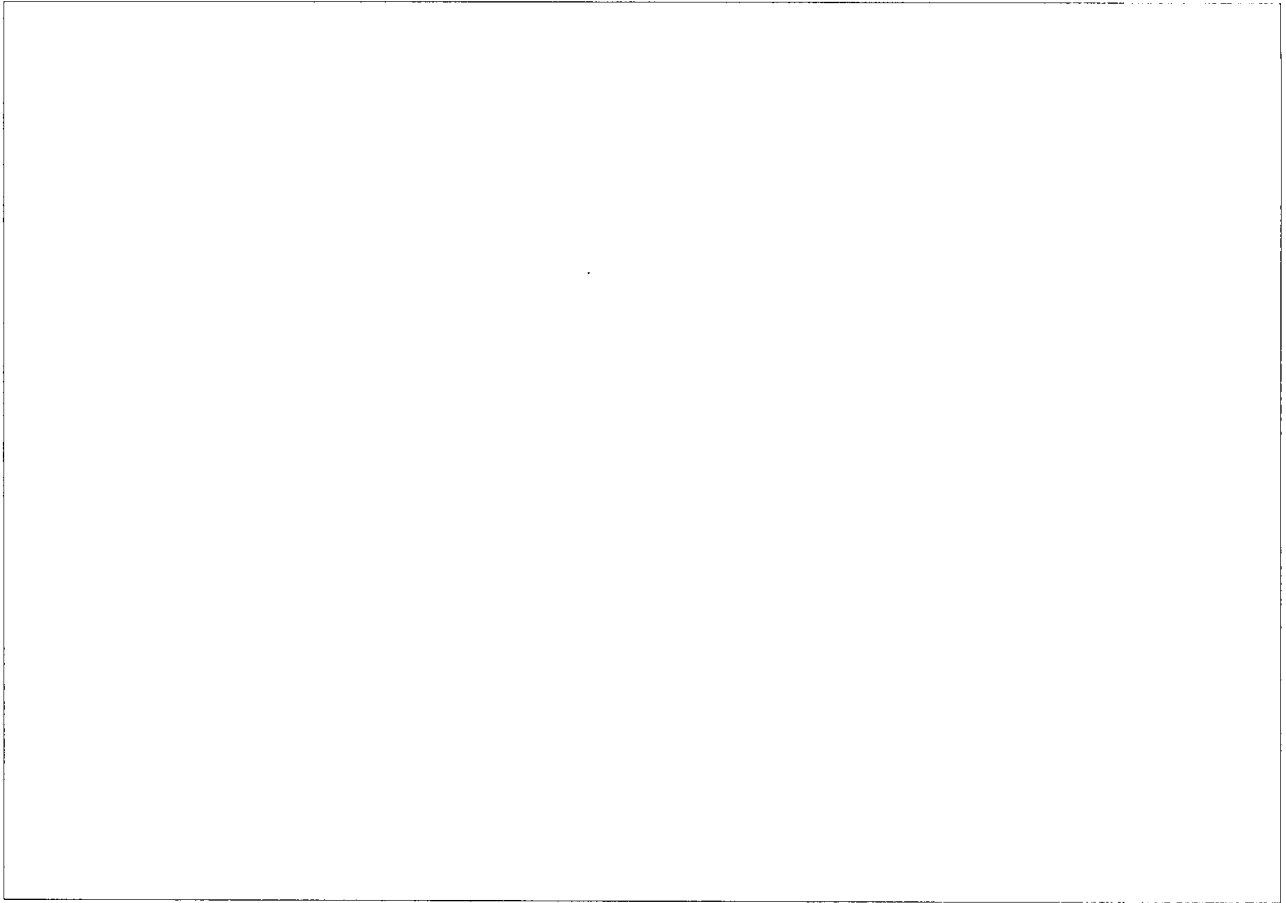


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2. Major Chinese Communist forces still in Wonsan area:

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Recently available messages indicate that Chinese Communist units have been reporting on UN naval activities off the North Korean east coast city of Wonsan and are concerned with the

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preparation of defensive installations in Wonsan.

[] two Chinese Communist divisions were deployed at that time in the Wonsan area, with the mission of repelling an anticipated invasion.

Comment: The Chinese Communist 9th Army Group, representing the largest uncommitted Chinese reserve force known to be in Korea, was identified in the Wonsan area early in February. Subsequent reports indicated that elements of this Army Group were moving south into central Korea to positions north of the 38th Parallel. The continued presence of major Chinese Communist units on defensive missions in the Wonsan area precludes their immediate use as reinforcements in the front lines.

3. New air equipment may be arriving in North Korea:

North Korean Military
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A North Korean message of 13 March directed a North Korean ordnance officer performing liaison duties at Mukden to arrange transport of "aerial bombs" and possibly heavy equipment for the North Korean Air

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Force to an unknown destination. Another 13 March message indicates that equipment and "powder," possibly for aviation purposes, had crossed the border at Antung and was being transported southward. On 14 March, the North Korean Air Division commander at Sinuiju was told to dispatch trucks loaded with rocket shells to Pyongyang.

Comment: These and other messages indicate that the North Koreans are receiving more ordnance and that ammunition for the Air Force may be going to Korea. Any attempt to stage operations from Korean fields would necessitate the storing of bombs and other equipment.

Some type of ground-to-air rocket may have been included in shipments to Korea. On two recent occasions UN pilots observed rocket-like objects approaching them over north-west Korea.

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