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1. Major North Korean anti-aircraft artillery unit identified:

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A preliminary field analysis reveals that a North Korean 91st Anti-aircraft Artillery Brigade was mentioned in a 10 May North Korean message.

Comment: The identification of a brigade-size anti-aircraft unit in the North Korean armed forces, where previously only battalion-size units have been identified, is further evidence of the great stress being placed on anti-aircraft defenses by Communist forces in North Korea. In this connection, the US Far Eastern Command reported in late April that anti-aircraft fire received by UN aircraft had increased 400 percent since September 1950.

2. North Koreans reluctant to contribute to fund for war material:

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North Korean Military  
9 May 51  
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A 9 May message from the Kim Chaek Military School (an elite officers training school believed located in Manchuria) to Supreme Command Headquarters, reporting on the fund-raising drive for the purchase of "planes, tanks, and ships," reveals that only 132 out of a total of 1,434 "military affairs personnel" at the school were participating, "leaving a balance of 1,302 persons."

Comment: This report is in direct contrast to an 11 May propaganda broadcast from Pyongyang alleging success for the campaign.

Although the economy of North Korea has never been able to support a military effort of the proportions that have been encountered since June 1950, there are a number of indications that the North Korean Government actually makes some payment on the material received from the USSR and China.

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