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7. Soviet MIG-15's fly from Port Arthur possibly to Antung: On 14 December 15 MIG-15's with a lead pilot with a Russian name, were scheduled to leave Port Arthur for unspecified destination, according to a Chinese Communist message from Mukden to Antung. The field unit comments that flights of MIG-15's from Port Arthur to Antung have been noted several times previously, and that these aircraft have not been noted returning. (SUEDE USAFSS CM IN 60983, 15 Dec 51)

Comment: Since early October about 60 MIG-15's are known to have flown from the Port Arthur Naval Base Area to Antung. It is probable that they are replacements or reinforcements for the Soviet-controlled fighter units in the Antung area.

8. Communists move jet planes to Korean border: A proposed move of the Chinese Communist Air Force 4th Division from Mukden to an unknown destination was noted in 15 December flight forecast. The departure of 28 MIG-15's was scheduled. The possibility that the division is moving back to Antung is suggested by intercepts during the past week which revealed flights of several aircraft from this division to Antung. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 281, 2236Z, 17 Dec 51)

Comment: Jet aircraft now based at the Korean border are already estimated in the neighborhood of 350. The transfer of the 4th Division to Antung would increase Communist strength on the Korean border by approximately another 50 planes. The Far East Air Force has estimated that the Communists may soon have the capability of attaining a temporary localized air superiority anywhere in North Korea.

9. KOREA. New high performance enemy jet sighted in Korea: On 14 December a US light bomber in northwestern Korea was attacked by an enemy jet aircraft tentatively identified as a Type 21. This new Communist aircraft was similar in appearance to a US F-86D and had two long, slender wing tanks. Flight characteristics appeared similar to a MIG-15. (BOOTY USAFSS CM IN 61467, 17 Dec 51)

Comment: Although certain variances exist between the field description of this aircraft and known data on the Type 21, the description best fits a Type 21.

The employment of this aircraft at this time could be for combat testing purposes. It is doubtful whether the Type 21 will appear in any large numbers in the Korean air war.

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