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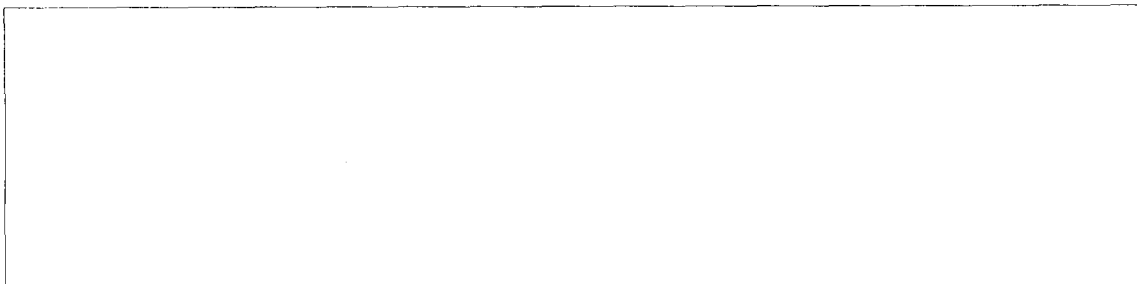
8. Propaganda value of BW scare stressed in North Korean unit: An 18 March North Korean message notes that in reference to the "public opinion project: progress is slow at battalion units. In accordance with the outlined regulation, you must report public opinion concerning the appearance of bacteria weapons in a wide sphere." (SUEDE Det 151 15th RSM Korea, CS 351, 19 Mar 52)

Comment: This intercept shows that the current BW propaganda campaign is intended to increase both civilian and military feeling in North Korea against the UN.

9. North Korean IV Corps units identified in western Korea: A series of 17 March North Korean messages, possibly including duplicate interceptions, indicates that an antiaircraft unit of the "11th Regiment" shot down a UN F-84 in western Korea, south of Chinnampo. An altercation developed between the "11th Regiment" and a unit of the North Korean 23rd Brigade, known to be in this area, as to the credit for downing the UN plane.

A 19 March North Korean message, probably from the 23rd Brigade in western Korea, reports the alleged dropping of bacteria in the area occupied by the "18th Regiment, 4th Division." (SUEDE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea ALT-936 and ALT-937, 18 Mar; 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, 15 RSM/8724 and 15 RSM/8725, 18 Mar; Det 151 15th RSM Korea, CS-355, 19 Mar 52)

Comment: The 11th North Korean infantry regiment is organic to the 5th Division, IV Corps. No recent information has been received on either the 4th or 5th North Korean Divisions, both good combat units, which were last located in the Pyongyang-Chinnampo-Sariwon area of western Korea.



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