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4. Soviet MIG's reportedly very aggressive over Korea on 4 August: A United States Air Force security unit in Japan reports that while only 31 flights, averaging 4 aircraft each, were detected on the Soviet GCI net in northwestern Korea on 4 August, 22 of these flights were directed toward UN aircraft.

The field unit comments that this reveals more aggressiveness on the part of Soviet pilots than previously noticed. Most of the flights were in the Yalu River area, but some were in the Chongchon River area and, in one case, as far south as Pyongyang. (CANOE 6920 Security Grp Johnson AFB Japan, SG 426, 6 Aug 52)

Comment: The US 5th Air Force in Korea reports that 75 MIG-15's were observed airborne on 4 August, but that only 12 were encountered.

The disparity between the aggressiveness displayed on the GCI net and the actual combat contacts may be significant.

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