

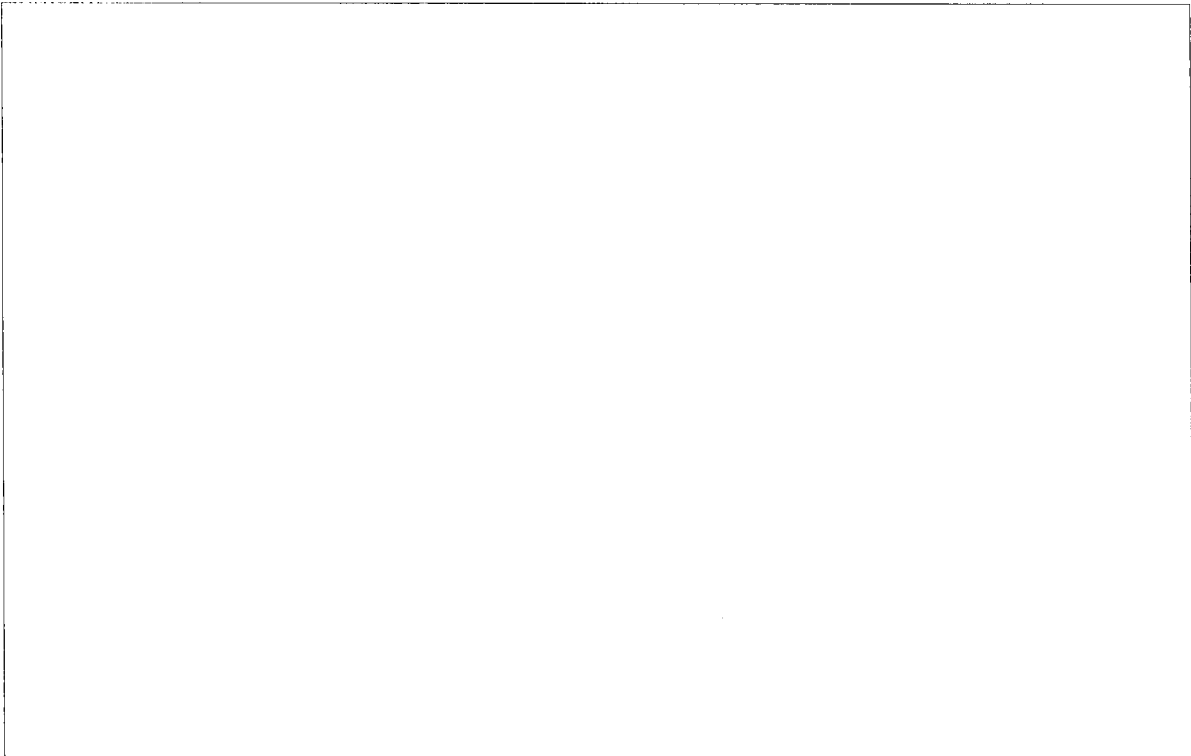
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6. Chinese Air Force may concentrate on UN ground-attack planes: An Air Force field unit study shows that during August the efficiency of the Chinese Communist pilots in combat with F-86 Sabres was apparently seriously limited, and continuing indications show that their sorties are aimed principally at UN ground-attack type aircraft.

Chinese aggressive intentions, at least toward UN ground-attack planes, are evidenced by the increasing sorties in Korea over the past five months, their penetration southward on the west coast to the 38th Parallel, and the extension of the Chinese GCI grid zone system beyond the Pyongyang area. (CANOE 6920 Security Grp Johnson AFB Japan, AP-977, 13 Sept 52)

Comment: In the ten-day period ending 5 August, 228 Chinese Communist MIG-15 sorties into Korea were observed. During this period both Soviet and Chinese Communist pilots were noticeably reluctant to engage F-86 aircraft.



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