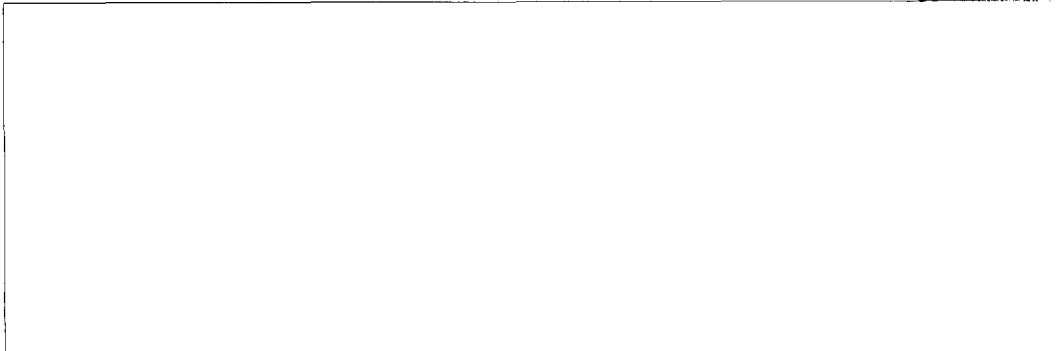


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5. Chinese Communist message suggests possible offensive:

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An unidentified and unlocated Chinese Communist military unit sent an uncoded message on 11 February, apparently to a subordinate headquarters, requesting reports on the results of "our aircraft attacks on the enemy."

The subordinate headquarters was also ordered to "make preparations for beginning your advance and the attack on the enemy at the same time."

Comment: It is conceivable that this message represents planning for a coordinated ground and air attack in Korea.

As the message was sent in plain language, however, the attack would be expected to follow within hours. Moreover, the usual indications of an imminent offensive in Korea have not been observed.