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5. North Korean aircraft reportedly concentrating near Yalu River:

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Scheduled flights of North Korean aircraft during the past few days strongly indicate a massing of other elements of the North Korean air force in the Yalu River area, in addition to the MIG's already there.

On 16 July, two separate groups of 24 piston fighters and 20 IL-10 piston ground-attack aircraft, using the same frequency, were scheduled for flights southward into Kungchuling, with at least the former group proceeding to an unidentified airfield believed to be in the border area. On 15 July, from three to six IL-28 twin-jet bombers and two TU-2 conventional bombers landed at an airfield in the Antung area; these aircraft had been scheduled for a "combat" mission.

**Comment:** The purpose of this apparent concentration near the combat area is not known. It is conceivable that the Communists are planning to give air support to a large-scale North Korean-Chinese offensive which may be planned for late July. These moves could also be preparatory to the North Korean air force entering Korea just before an armistice comes into effect.

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