

NSA review completed

TAIWAN STRAIT

JCS and USAF review(s) completed.

- I. ChiCom air strength in coastal area opposite Taiwan increased since 29 May by 55 jet fighters.
  - A. Jet fighter strength on coastal bases now about 325. (Still no bombers at these bases.)
- II. Watch Committee (in special meeting 3 June) found no evidence of unusual ChiCom ground or naval developments and concluded that ChiComs apparently intent on achieving "materially increased state of defensive air readiness."
- III. Increased ChiCom readiness may be in reaction to US exercises in Pacific area.
  - A. USAF exercise Mobile Yoke involves deployment from US of some 40 fighter (F-100's and RF-101's) and support aircraft to SE Asia and Taiwan.
  - B. JCS worldwide exercise Black Rock (1-7 June) involved "canned" situations sent to certain overseas commands, communications practice, and possibly some movements of forces.
- IV. Also possible that certain ChiNat actions have led to Communist alert.
  - A. On 4 June, after lapse of several weeks, ChiNats resumed peripheral recon flights by jets in southern sector (Amoy area to Swatow).
  - B. On 4 June, ChiNats resumed troop rotation between Chinmen and Taiwan after having suspended the operation because of "tension in the Strait"
    1. ChiComs fired 500 rounds at escort vessels engaged in rotation on 4 June.

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C. ChiNats engaged in publicly-announced exercise

to test air alertness and civil defense on  
Taiwan.

- V. ChiComs in past week have stepped up propaganda attacks on "intrusions" into claimed territorial waters and airspace by US ships and aircraft in Strait, Hong Kong, and Paracel Island areas. (105th "serious warning issued 5 June.)
- A. Warnings avoid immediate threat. Vague promises of "retribution" are indefinite and long-range in nature.
- VI. ChiComs may be preparing move to underscore hostility to US-ChiNat relationship when President visits Taiwan 18-19 June.
- A. Peiping giving considerable propaganda attention to visit which they claim is intended to intensify "military provocations."
- B. When Secretary Dulles visited Taiwan in late October '58 (as the Strait crisis was beginning to subside) ChiComs unloosed heavy barrage against Chinmen.

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