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1. [REDACTED] the single-track rail line near Paegyang-ni (N 38-24, E 127-33) (CT-7351) at CT-740504 had apparently not been used for some time. There was heavy rust on the rails. There were no breaks in the rails nor any evidence of reconstruction. At 11:50 p.m. on 10 January, 12 trucks were at CT-740503 going from the Kumsong (CT-7953) area toward Kumhwa (CT-6638). Eight of them were GAZ-63, 4 x 4, cargo trucks, apparently loaded with rice bags. The other four were GAZ-51, 4 x 2, cargo trucks which appeared to be loaded with ammunition boxes. They were traveling less than 10 miles per hour. At midnight 30 fully armed Chinese Communist forces (CCF) troops walked south along the road at CT-740503, in two columns. In a valley at CT-736512 were six trucks parked with their lights on. Nearby were a number of CCF troops who were singing while working with picks and shovels on rock.

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2. [REDACTED] three GAZ-51, 4 x 2, cargo trucks traveling north from the direction of Kumsong stopped at a CCF checkpoint at CT-742582, then took the righthand fork of the road. An hour later two Soviet jeeps traveling south also stopped at the checkpoint.

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3. [REDACTED] at CT-711626 were 15 pieces of imitation artillery made of logs which were about 60-mm. in diameter and 4 meters long. They were halfway up a hill near a road which connected CT-711626 and CT-716630. Neither men nor trenches were visible in the area. According to a local resident there was a CCF hospital at CT-716657, built into the side of a hill. It had a door made of boards and the roof was thickly covered with dirt. In an open space near a civilian house at CT-705660 were two stacks of charcoal bags. Each stack was 8 meters long, 6 meters wide, and 3.5 meters high. They had been placed there by CCF troops prior to the truce. The stacks were not guarded and no one was using the charcoal.

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4. [REDACTED] about 240 CCF were stationed in and around Changjaedae (CT-662721). They were quartered in a few ruined civilian houses and had constructed bunkers and trenches in the area. On the southern slope of Hill 732, north of Changjaedae, were about 60 small, log stables. Each stable contained one stall about 3 yards wide. About 60 to 70 horses were in the area, most of them the small Mongolian-

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25X1 pony type. [redacted] about once every 2 hours
 three jeeps came into Changjaedae loaded with food. At CT-655737 the loads
 were transferred to small, two-wheeled, one-horse carts which then departed
 both east and west, each cart led by a CCF soldier.

25X1 5. [redacted] an estimated one-battalion strength of CCF were stationed in
 Och'on-ni (CT-7253). Some were quartered in about 20 damaged civilian houses,
 the others were living in trenches and bunkers in the area. Parked west of the
 houses was a large, 10-wheeled truck with a trailer about the size of a US jeep
 trailer. The truck resembled a ZIS-151, 6 x 6, cargo truck except that the cab
 windows were more round. The bed of the truck was covered with metal. It resembled
 an ambulance with two doors at the back. On the trailer was, apparently, a generator,
 from which two large electric cables ran through one of the rear truck doors.¹ About
 100 yards from the truck were forty 50-gallon fuel drums. Two or three jeeps and
 three GAZ-51, 4 x 2, cargo trucks were moving about in the area from time to time.²

25X1 6. [redacted] three tanks were going south from the Kumsong area through
 CT-735500, at an estimated speed of more than 30 miles per hour. The tanks resembled
 a Type 25-94 (Japanese) medium tank. They did not resemble a T-34. They were
 equipped with two turret-mounted guns. The upper gun was about two yards long,
 the other about one yard. Both were an estimated 80 to 86-mm. caliber.³ On the
 front of the tanks were four lights in pairs, the larger of each pair on top. On
 each side of the top turret and above the heavy guns was one machine gun. One of
 the heavy guns had a muzzle break. [redacted] a convoy consisting of eight jeeps
 and nine GAZ-51 trucks was at CT-735500 moving north from Kumsong at a speed of
 30 to 35 miles per hour. The vehicles were loaded with CCF troops. [redacted]
 in the area of CT-735500 about 40 CCF troops were working on the road. They were
 split into small groups and worked with picks and shovels in a desultory, undisciplined
 25X1 manner. [redacted] on 16 January in the area near CT-748446 explosions and the
 sound of picks and shovels being used could be heard. North of the demilitarized
 zone explosions could be heard both day and night.

7. The CCF troops observed [redacted] wore quilted uniforms which
 closely resembled the North Korean army uniform except the the CCF uniform had a collar.
 They wore fur hats. They had neither shoulder patches nor visible hat insignia. All
 those who were not on working parties were armed with long rifles which closely
 resembled the Mossin-Nagant (Soviet), 7.62-mm. carbine, M-1938. 25X1

8. No North Korean Army soldiers were seen in the area [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] Comment. For other information concerning Chinese Communist Activity
 south of Kumsong, see [redacted] 25X1

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment: For an unexplained reason, [redacted] referred to the truck
 as a radio truck. 25X1

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment: There was probably a motor pool nearby. Judging from the
 number of vehicles in the area, there were more CCF stationed in the Och'on
 area than the battalion which was seen.

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment: Possibly the lower of these two was part of the recoil
 mechanism.

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