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- Approximately 1000 South Korean agents were captured in North Korea from the beginning of 1946 until June 1947.
- The North Korean governmental organizations have described most of these agents as reactionaries who have come from South Korea to do underground work for the South Korean Rightist organizations.
- When apprehended, these agents were imprisoned in North Korean jails. They were severely mistreated and were not permitted to see members of their families. Their families, however, were allowed to send them food.
- all these prisoners were transferred in February 1947 from the Korean jails to the Soviet Army Special Service (Counter-Espionage) Headquarters in Pyongyang (Heijo) (125-44, 39-01). Members of the families of the prisoners also state that in February they were told that they would no longer be allowed to send food to the prisoners. They therefore believe that the prisoners were removed from the prisons in which they had been confined and sent elsewhere.
- At the Soviet Army Special Service Headquarters in Pyongyang the prisoners receive three to four months of "mental training" (? Communist indoctrination). They are then sent to Wonsan (Gensan) (127-26, 39-10) to a training camp for industrial technicians. This camp is controlled by the Soviet Army in Wonsan. Here the prisoners receive technical training. Three meals a day are served at the camp and, in general, the prisoners are fairly well treated.
- After completing their technical training, the prisoners are being sent to the USSR. Two groups, with 10 persons in each group, have already been sent to the USSR from this training camp.

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