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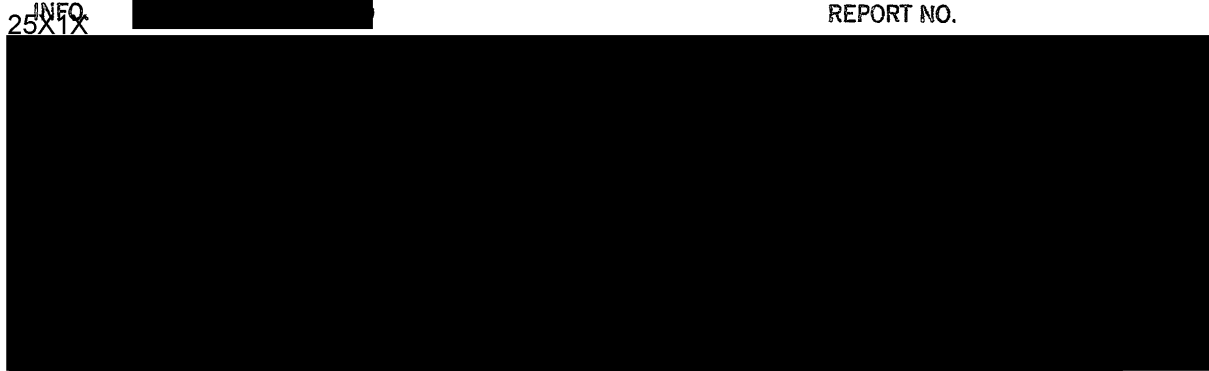
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In an address in early August before 200 especially invited persons, most of whom were Communist Government officials in Peiping, CHOU En-lai stated that the United States must mobilize 300,000 troops to achieve the decision in Korea. As it would take one year to mobilize these men, by which time the military strength "on our side" would be much greater, victory for the Communists in Korea is inevitable.

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Comment. This speech, made at the time when United Nations forces had been driven back to the southeast tip of the Korean peninsula, is an indication of the enormous miscalculation of the strength of the United States the Chinese Communists were making. They were believing their own propaganda to the effect that America is a paper tiger.

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