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1. The following rumors were current among the citizens of Seoul on 15 July:
 - a. a. The North Korean Army headquarters has ordered the troop units in various areas to be prepared for a redistribution (nature undetermined) of units.
 - b. Approximately 50,000 North Korean troops are in the western front areas awaiting the outcome of the Kaesong negotiations and they are prepared to act in an emergency. Also, supplies are being rushed to these units.
2. Anti-Communist observers state that the majority of Seoul citizens believe that truce negotiations will fail, because they feel proposals are a Communist trick designed to gain time for reorganization and supply of Chinese Communist and North Korean forces. The citizens fear that such reinforced armies will then push into Seoul.

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