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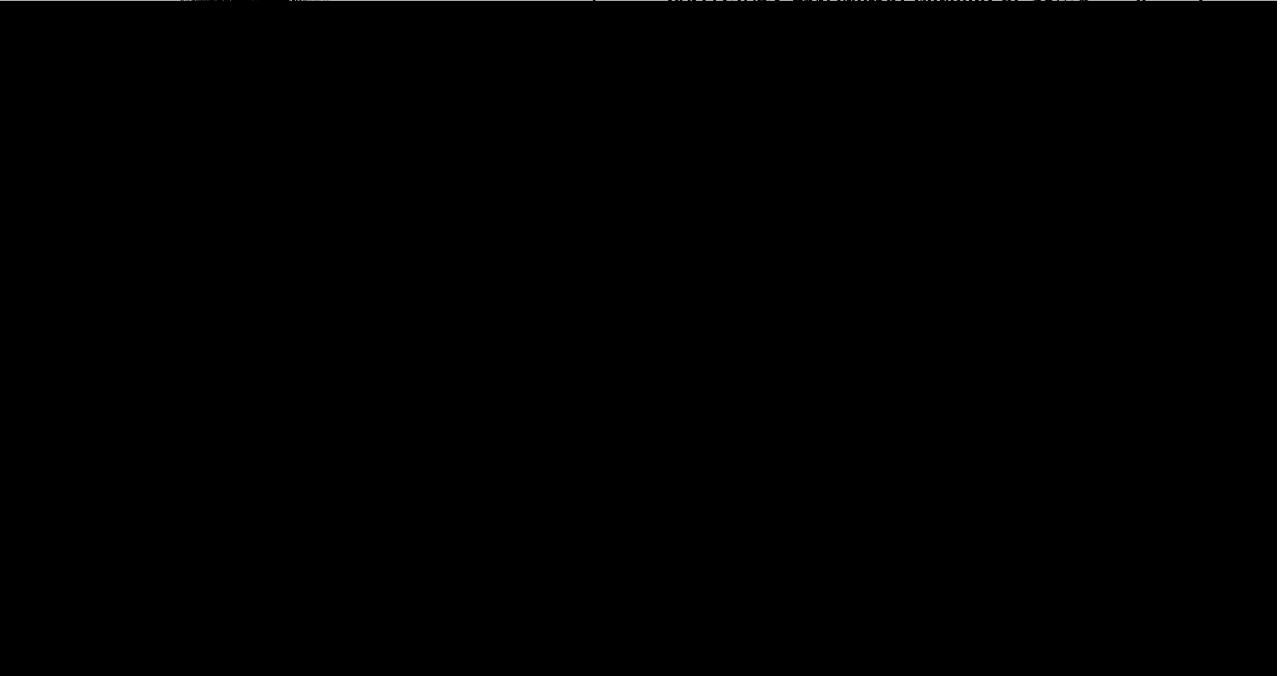
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1. In early August the Soviets agreed to supply an additional 120 MIG-15's to the Chinese Communist. These planes were to be sent to Harbin and Mukden before 15 September. LIU Ya-Lou, Commander of the Chinese Communist Air Force (CCAF), was in Mukden negotiating with the Soviet authorities for the taking over of these planes. [REDACTED] 25X1A
2. In early August Chinese Communist Army Headquarters in Peiping issued a combat order stating that the entire air force in the South China area had to be transferred to the Korean border region before 20 August. The air units proceeding to Korea were to be placed under the command of the International Communist Voluntary Air Force.
3. In connection with this order, the CCAF 4 Air corps, commanded by LIU Shang-1 (劉尚沂) and consisting of the 4 Pursuit Plane Unit and the 5, 8 and 9 Combat Bombardment Units, cancelled scheduled formation maneuvers in South China in preparation for this move.
4. In early August an air force hospital which was organized in Canton was instructed to accompany these air units to the Korean border.
5. In late July the Chinese Communist 4 Air Force Unit for the Central and South China Area was instructed to transfer two units to air bases at Mukden and Meiho (梅河) by 4 August.

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6. In early August the Chinese Communists ordered the 1) Air Unit, consisting of 25 MIG-15's, and a small unit of I-li-hsin (伊里辛)<sup>2</sup> planes, to White Cloud Airfield and the 20 Air Unit, consisting of 25 YAK-9's to Nanshiung (114-17, 25-13) Airfield. The latter assignment was only temporary. [REDACTED] 25X1A

7. On 24 July 24 MIG-15's arrived at Peiling (123-25, 41-50) Airfield.

8. In July T'unghua (125-57, 41-43) was one of the main Chinese Communist air bases. It had four 7,500-meter (sic) concrete runways and was equipped for night operations. Facilities at this field include radar, and 40-60 MIG-15's are stationed there. Anti-aircraft defenses include 24 Soviet-type anti-aircraft guns and 4 search lights.

1. [REDACTED] Comment: Possibly Meihok'ou (125-41, 42-32).

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