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4. Espionage and guerrilla activities reported in northeastern Korea:

North Korean Military  
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Recent North Korean military mes-  
sages indicate the existence of espi-  
onage and guerrilla activities in the  
coastal region of northeastern Korea.

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On 27 February, a police official was ordered to bring "the criminals

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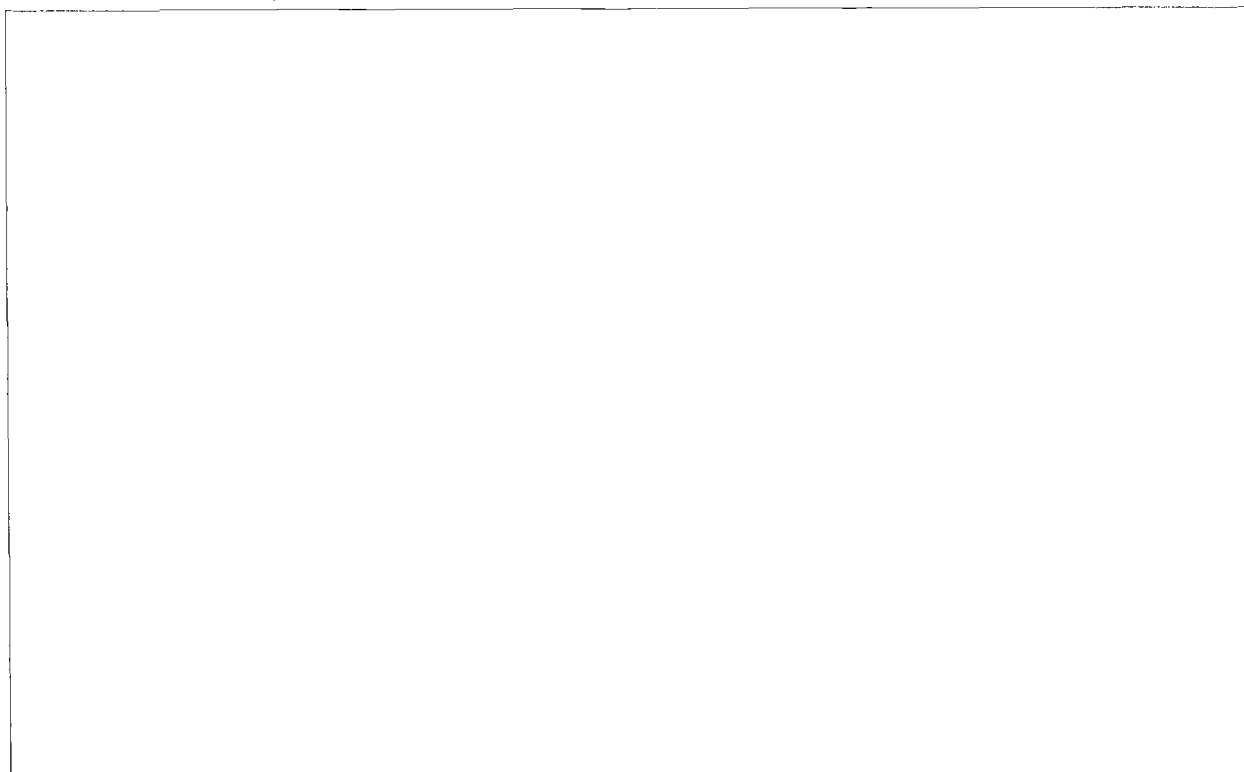
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connected with the incident' to Songjin. On 10 March, the arrest of 8 "spies" near Chongjin was reported. On the same day, North Korean authorities in Chongjin transmitted a delayed report of a guerrilla attack on a train on the coastal rail line on 14 February.

Comment: The focus of Korean guerrilla activity reported heretofore has been in the area northwest of Seoul, where the North Koreans have taken strong restrictive measures against guerrilla forces. These new reports are the first to indicate the existence of guerrilla elements in the mountainous northeastern provinces of Korea, which have been under Pyongyang's control since 1945.



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