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"A" KOREA. Enemy Air Activity in Northwest Korea. An operational summary reporting on 12 April clashes between UN and Communist jet aircraft in northwest Korea estimates that UN fighters escorting B-29s and RB-45s encountered in excess of 100 MIGs. The MIGs were termed aggressive and determined, and pressed their attack on the bomber formation, seemingly avoiding the UN fighters. In these engagements, two of the B-29s were destroyed, seven damaged, and one later ditched northwest of Seoul in North Korean waters, due to damage incurred by enemy action. Enemy losses were also estimated to be high, with four MIGs destroyed, three probably destroyed, and six damaged. ([redacted] 13 Apr 51; [redacted] 12 Apr 51; [redacted] 12 Apr 51). COMMENT: Two other reports of the past week have confirmed the unusual aggressiveness of the enemy pilots and the apparent willingness to risk heavy losses. [redacted]

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